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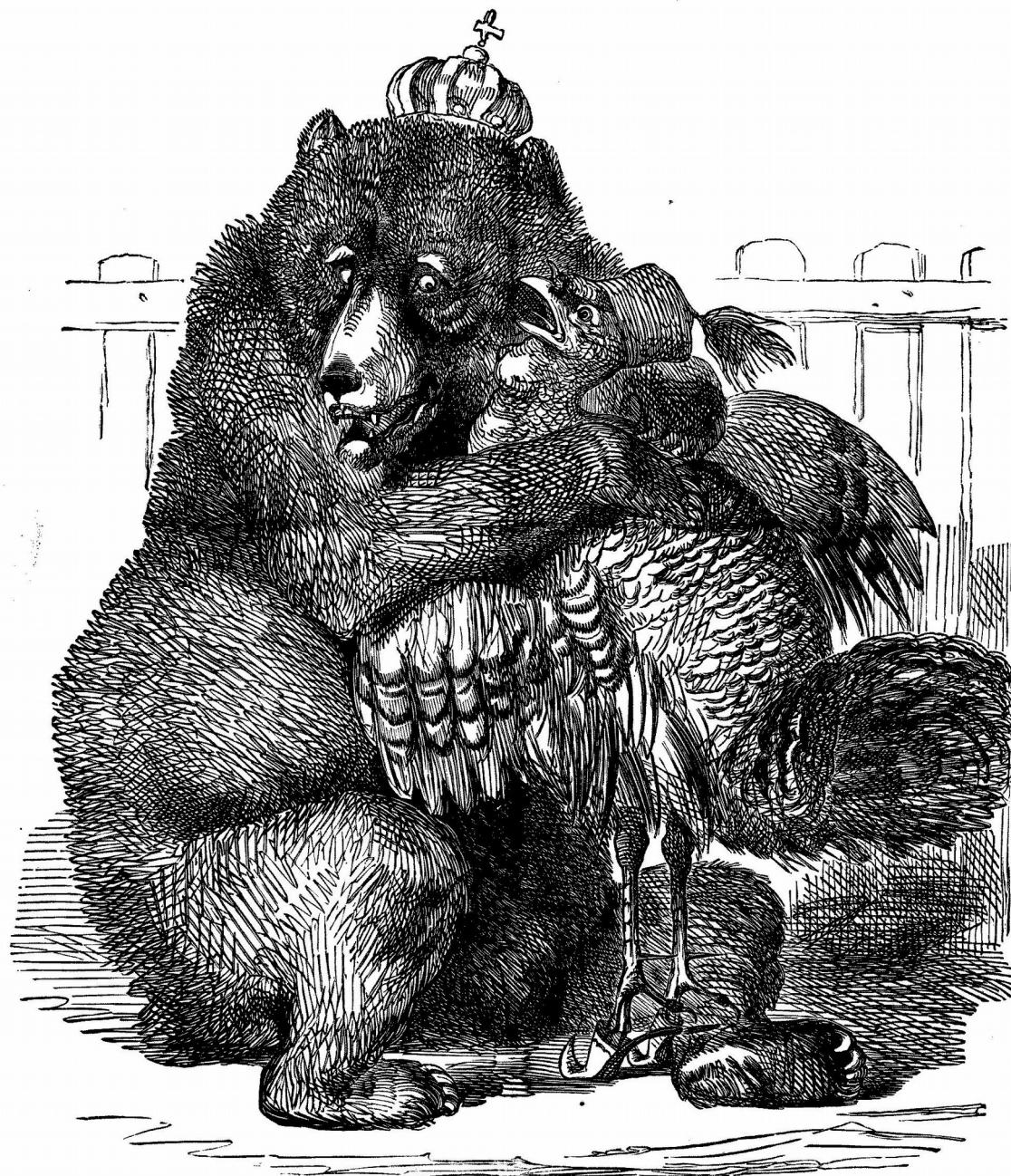
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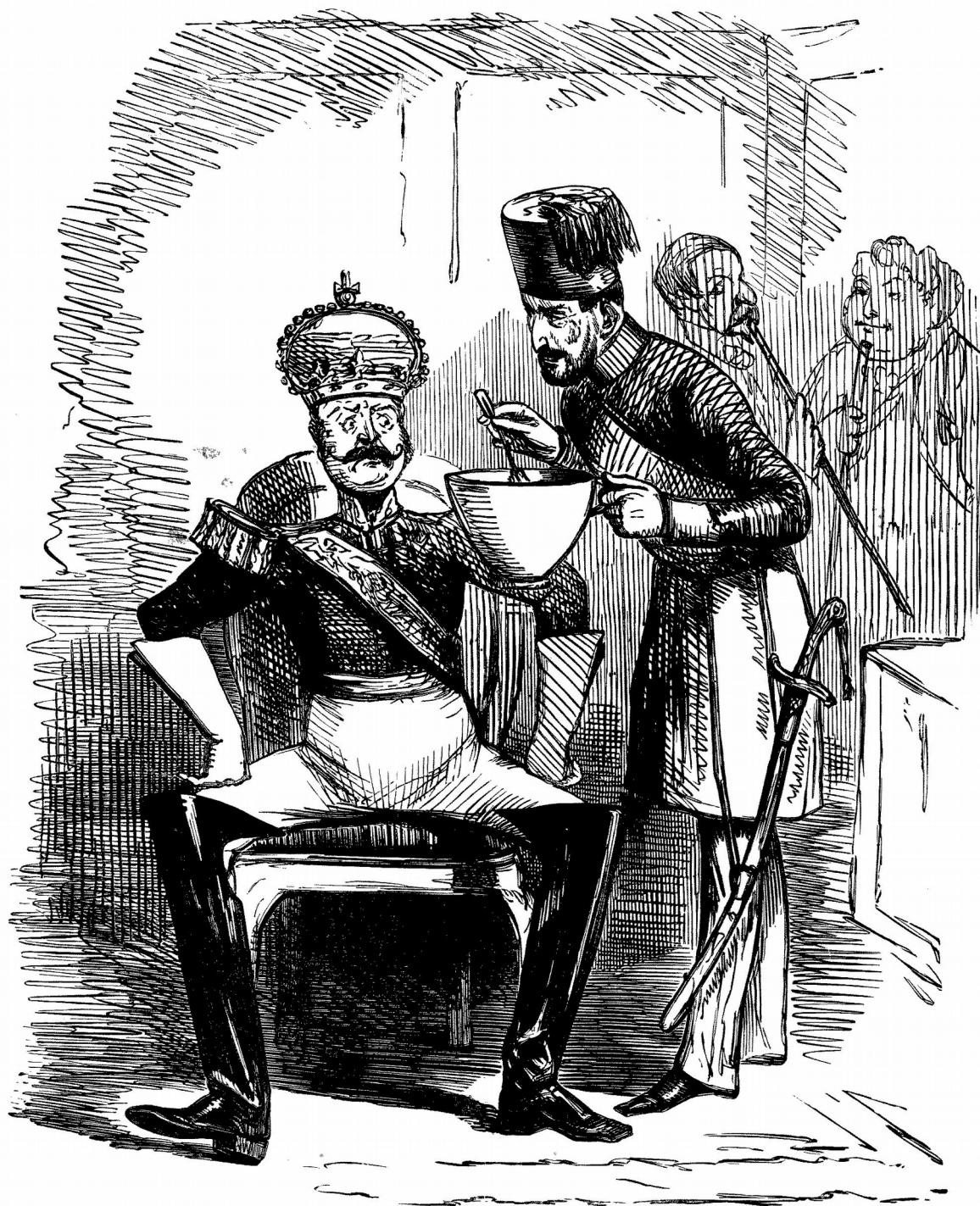
TURKEY IN DANGER.

* * * The conduct of Russia towards Turkey was giving rise to general anxiety. This was the first indication of the approaching war in the Crimea.



UNCEREMONIOUS TREATMENT OF THE RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM.

* * The Emperor of Russia presented an ultimatum to Turkey. Pursuing a policy adopted in concurrence with England and France, the Porte refused the demands of Russia, and Prince Menschikoff and the Russian Embassy withdrew from Constantinople.



THE EMPEROR'S CUP FOR 1853,
OR TURKEY RHUBARB.

* * * The Emperor's Cup was a racing prize, given by the Emperor of Russia after his visit to England.



THE CAMP AT CHOBHAM.—A COLD IN THE HEAD.

JONES (A BATMAN.)—"DID YOU SOUND, SIR?"
OFFICER.—"YES, JOLES. BRING ME MY BUCKET OF GRUEL AS SOOL AS I'VE TALLOWED MY LOSE." (*Catarrhic for Nose.*)

* * * A camp was formed for military exercise at Chobham and occupied by a large force. The weather was very bad for some time after the formation of the camp.



A GOOD JOKE.

RUSSIAN.—“OH, IT'S MY FUN ! I ONLY WANT TO FRIGHTEN THE LITTLE FELLOW.”

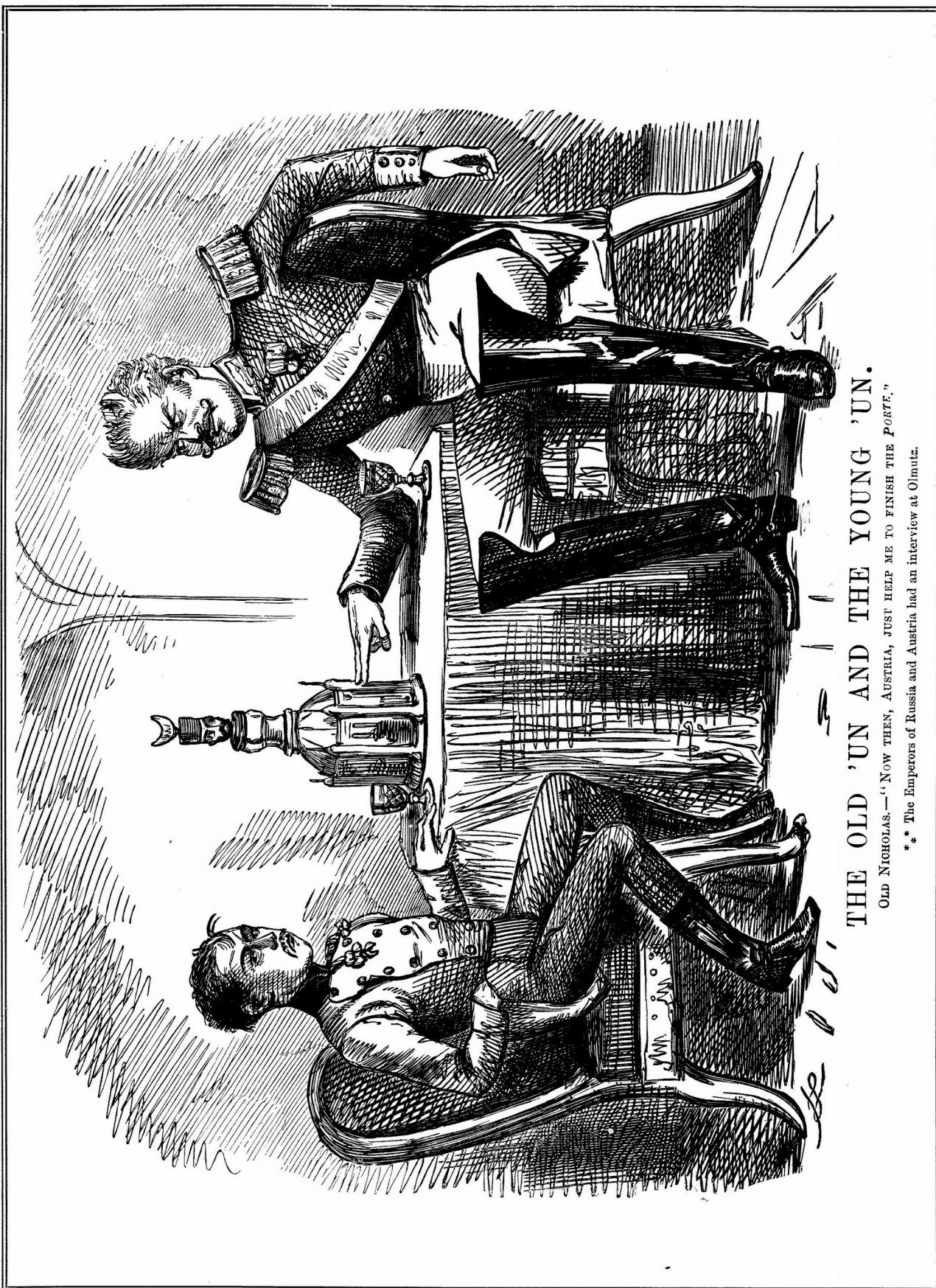
* * * The dispute between Russia and Turkey was occupying universal attention. The Russians had sent troops to occupy the Danubian Principalities, and England and France were endeavouring to maintain peace.



THE SHAM FIGHT AT SPITHEAD.

BOARDER.—“AH! IT'S ALL WERRY WELL; BUT O, JACK—IF YOU HAD BEEN A ROOSHIAN!”

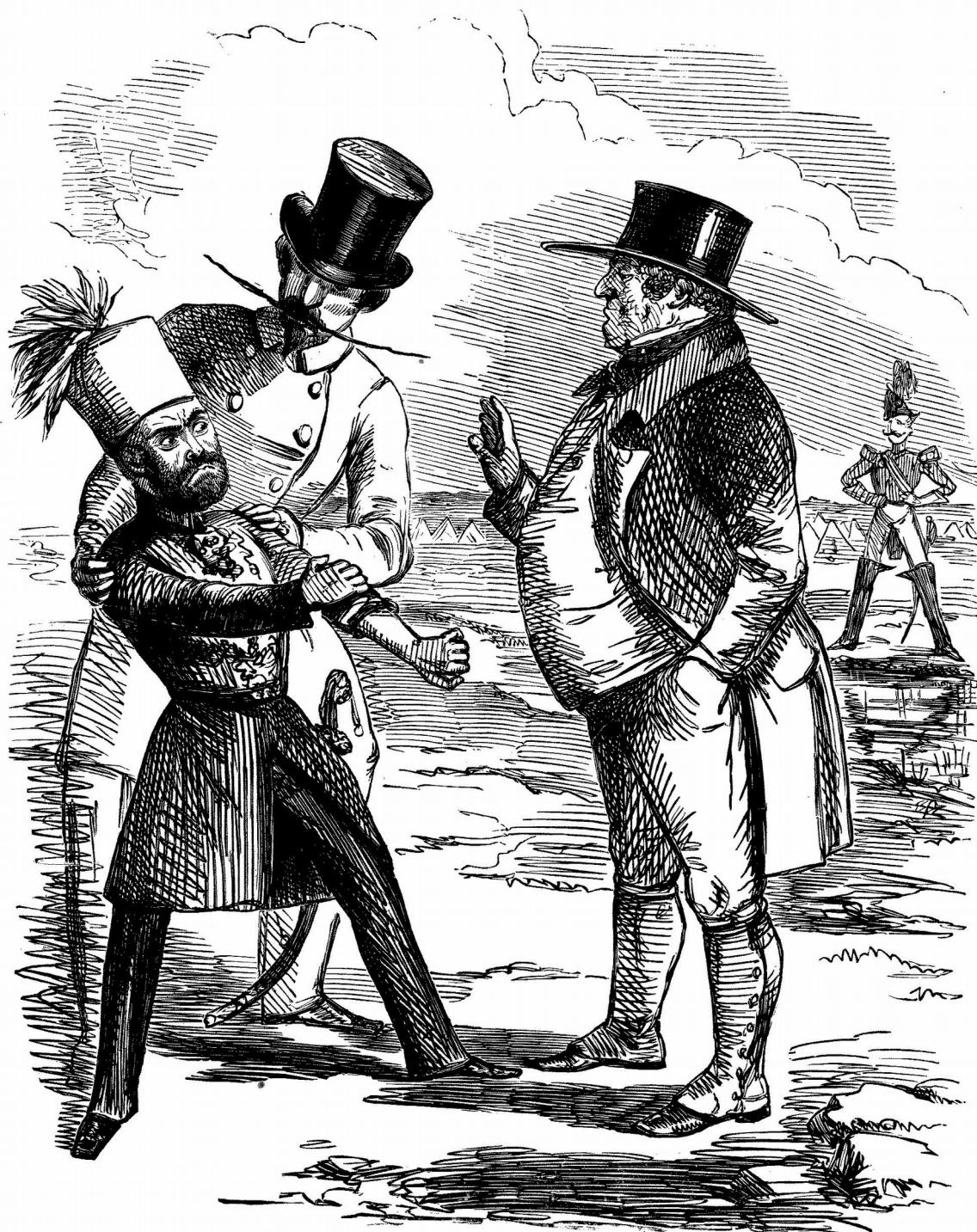
* * A great Naval Review and Sham Fight took place at Spithead in the presence of the Queen.



THE OLD 'UN AND THE YOUNG 'UN.

OLD NICHOLAS.—“NOW THEN, AUSTRIA, JUST HELP ME TO FINISH THE PORTFEE.”

** The Emperors of Russia and Austria had an interview at Olmutz.



A TERRIBLE TURK.

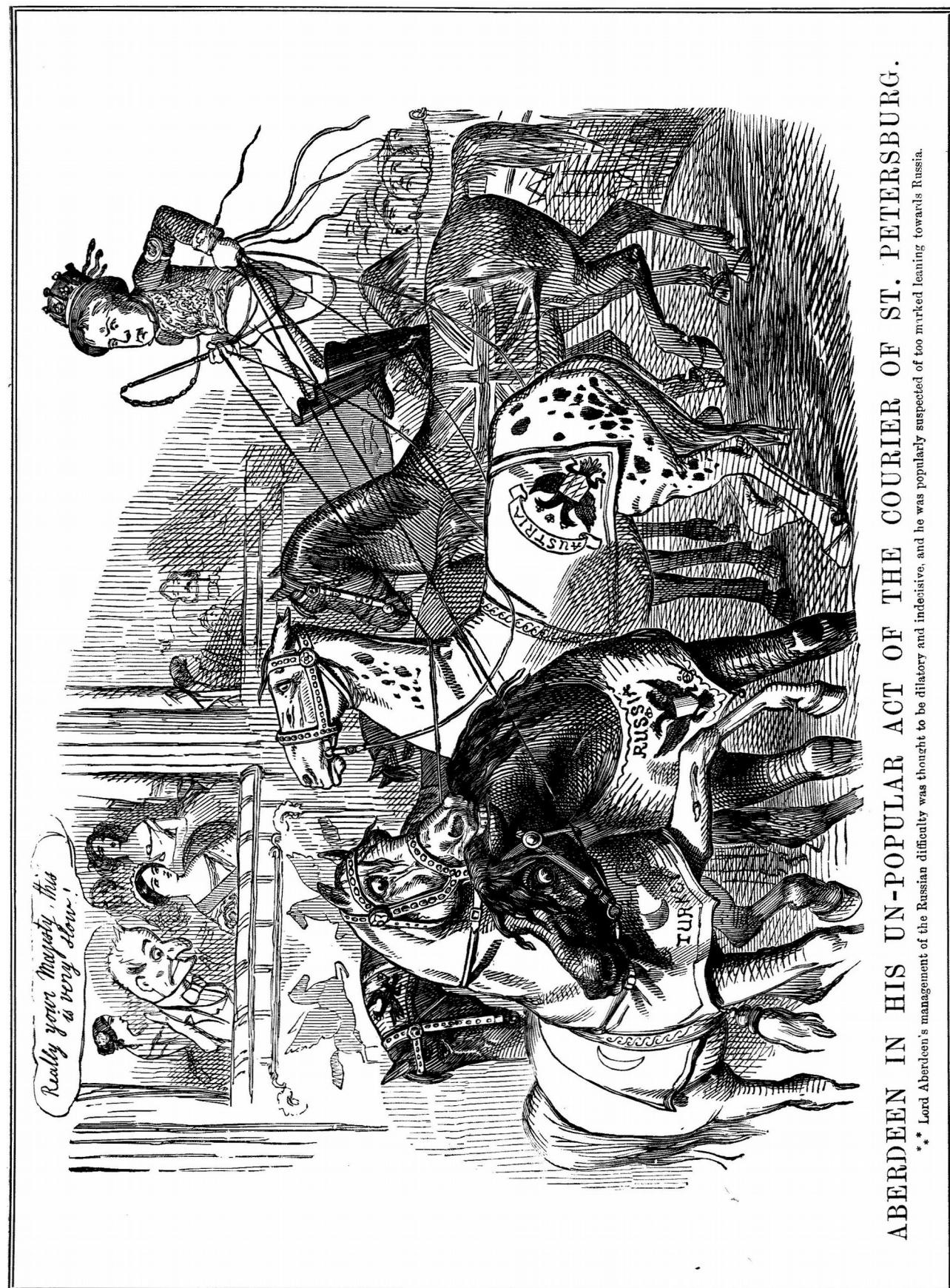
"I WILL FIGHT! HE HIT ME FIRST!"

* * * The Sultan of Turkey demanded that Russia should at once evacuate the Danubian Principalities as the only alternative to war.



"A BEAR WITH A SORE HEAD."

* * The Emperor of Russia declared war against Turkey. The first engagement took place at Oltenitz, and resulted in the defeat of the Russians.



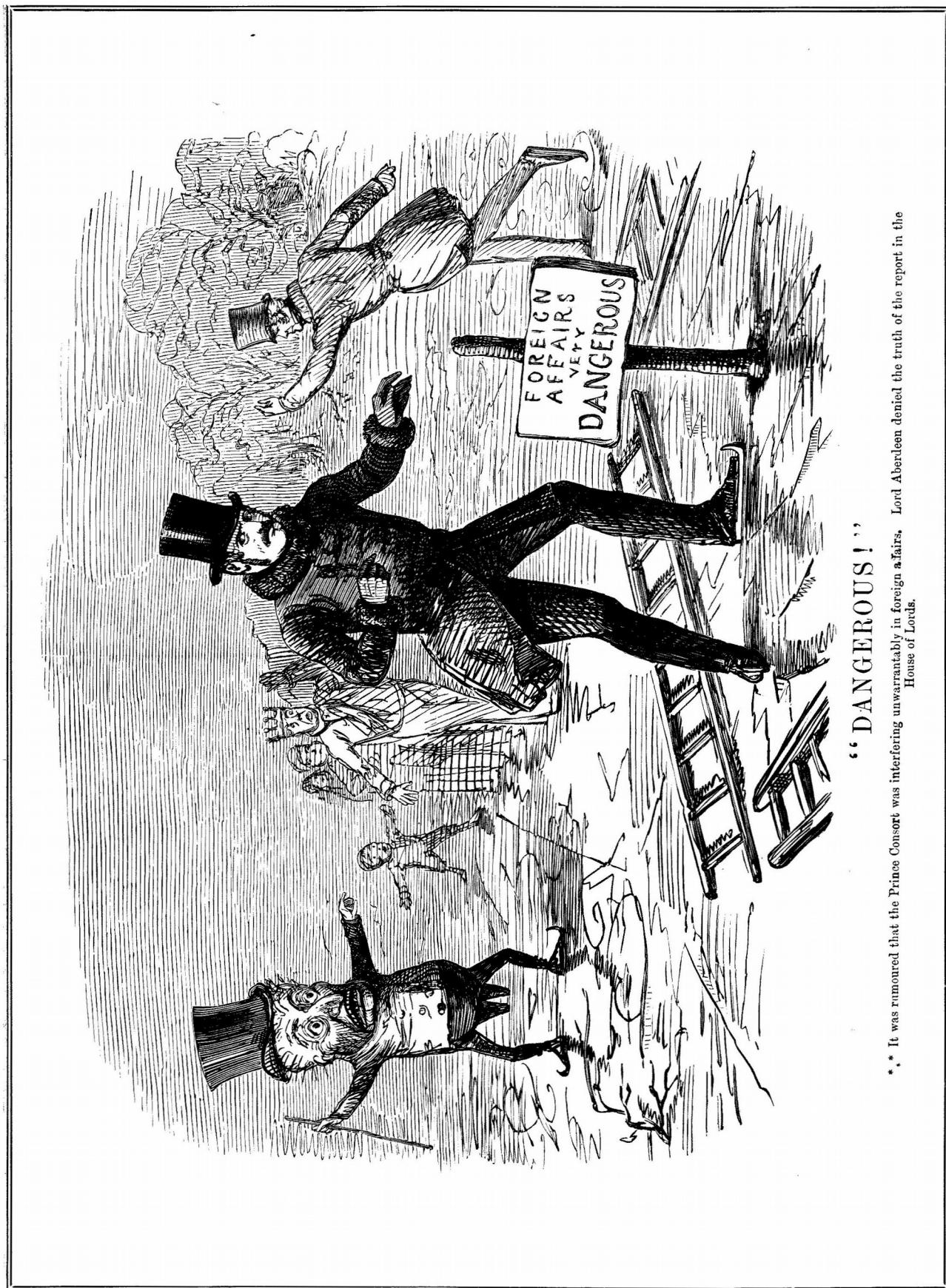
ABERDEEN IN HIS UN-POPULAR ACT OF THE COURIER OF ST. PETERSBURG.

* * Lord Aberdeen's management of the Russian difficulty was thought to be dilatory and indecisive, and he was popularly suspected of too marked leaning towards Russia.



ABERDEEN SMOKING THE PIPE OF PEACE.

* * * Notwithstanding the encroachments of Russia, Lord Aberdeen's Government continued to assure the Houses of Parliament that war was not imminent.



"DANGEROUS!"

* * It was rumoured that the Prince Consort was interfering unwarrantably in foreign affairs, Lord Aberdeen denied the truth of the report in the House of Lords.



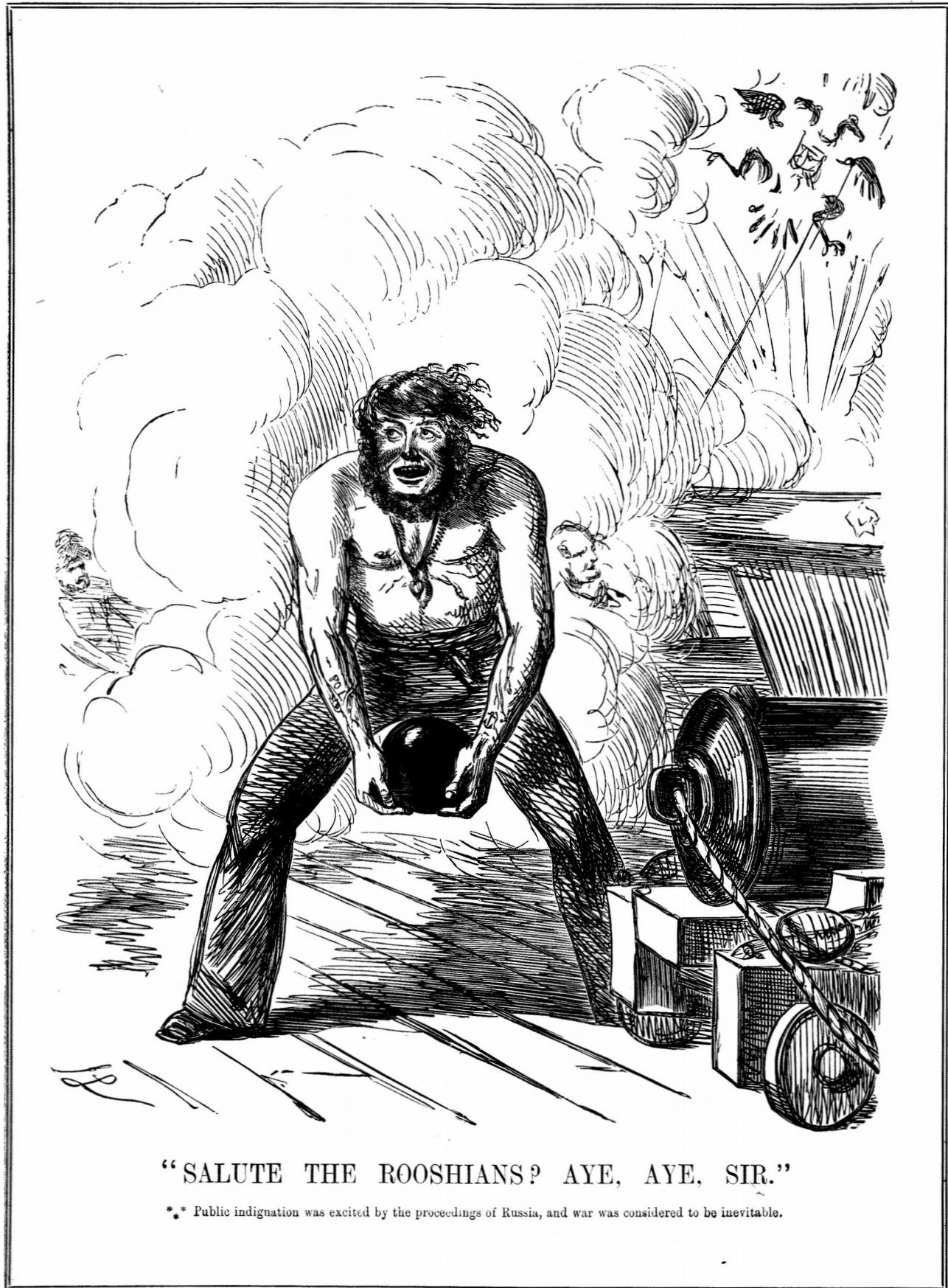
THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO MY LORD
AB—RD—N.

* * * Lord Aberdeen's suspected sympathy with Russia made his Ministry very unpopular.



TE DEUM!

* * * The Emperor of Russia issued a War Manifesto —the pious patriotic outpouring of an autocrat.



"SALUTE THE ROOSHANS? AYE, AYE, SIR."

* * * Public indignation was excited by the proceedings of Russia, and war was considered to be inevitable.



BLACK MONDAY.—BRUNOW DEPARTING FOR HIS SCHOOL
IN THE NORTH.

CLARENDON.—“THERE, DON’T CRY, WE SHALL HAVE YOU AMONGST US AGAIN IF YOU’RE GOOD.”

** Baron Brunow, the Russian Ambassador, who had resided in London for many years and was greatly esteemed, announced the suspension of diplomatic relations between Russia and England.



WHAT IT HAS COME TO.

ABERDEEN.—“I MUST LET HIM GO.”

** The British Lion was thoroughly aroused, but Lord Aberdeen still endeavoured to hold him back. Hostilities with Russia, however, were inevitable.



“GOD DEFEND THE RIGHT.”

Lord John Russell.

** Lord John Russell, as Foreign Minister, voiced in the House of Commons the feeling of England with regard to Russia.



THROWING THE OLD SHOE,

AT THE PARTING OF HER MAJESTY AND HER GUARDS.

** War having been declared against Russia by England and France, large bodies of troops were sent out to the East. Her Majesty, the Queen, witnessed the departure of the Guards from a window in Buckingham Palace.



PET OF THE MANCHESTER SCHOOL.

"HE SHALL HAVE A LITTLE TURK TO PULL TO PIECES—THAT HE SHALL."

*** Messrs. Bright and Cobden incurred much odium by their persistent opposition to the Anti-Russian policy of the nation at the outbreak of the Crimean war.



A STRUGGLE BETWEEN DUTY AND INCLINATION.

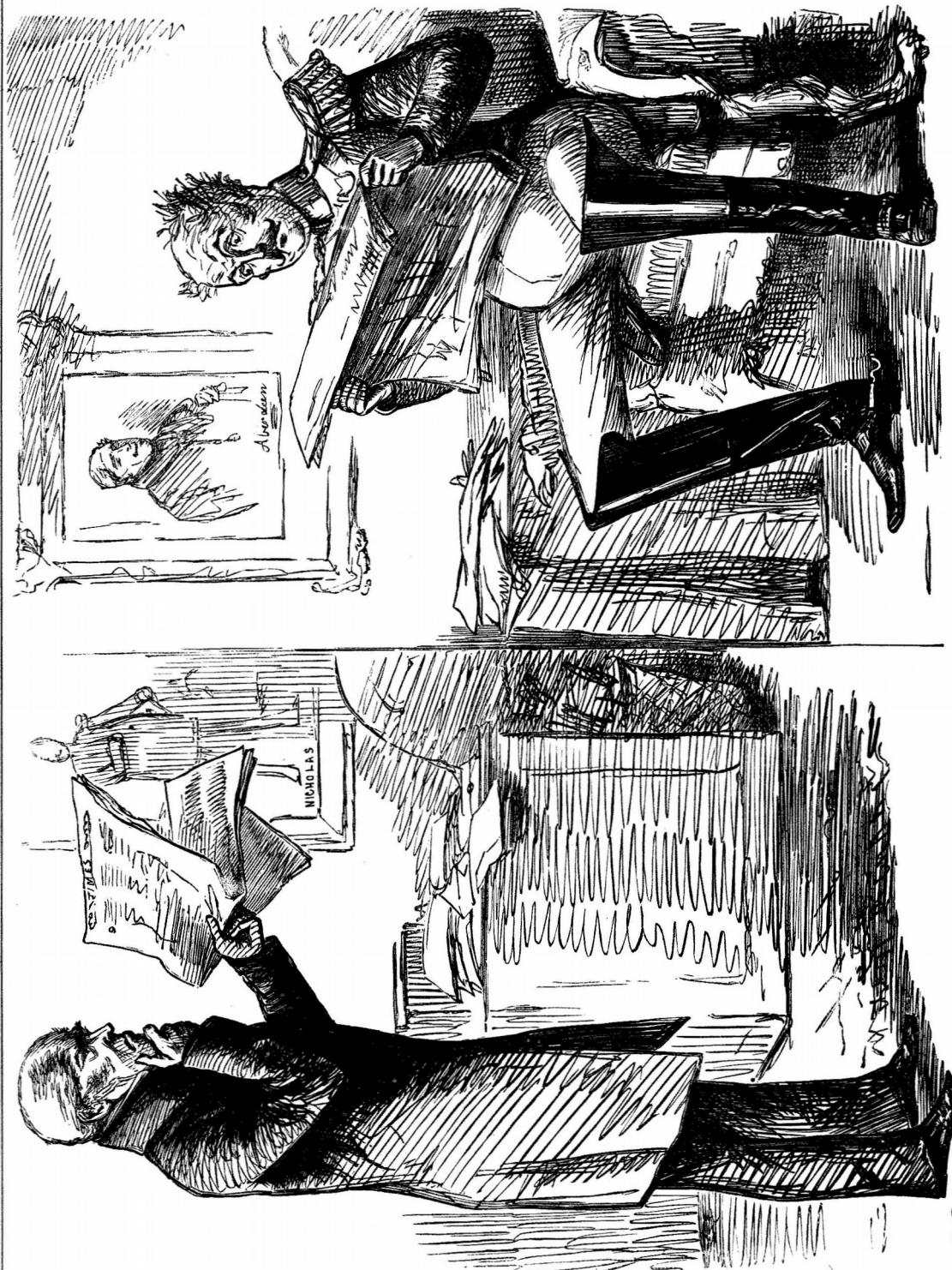
GALLANT LITTLE JOHN TAKING LEAVE OF HIS PET TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY.

* * Lord John Russell's long promised Reform Bill was brought before Parliament, but was withdrawn at the same time that war was declared against Russia.



ENGLAND'S WAR VIGIL.

* * * A day was set apart for a general fast and prayer for the Divine blessing upon our arms and for the early restoration of peace.



FELLOW-FEELING—THE BOMBARDMENT OF ODESSA.

ABERDEEN.—“BOMBARDMENT OF ODESSA! CONFOUND IT! THIS WILL

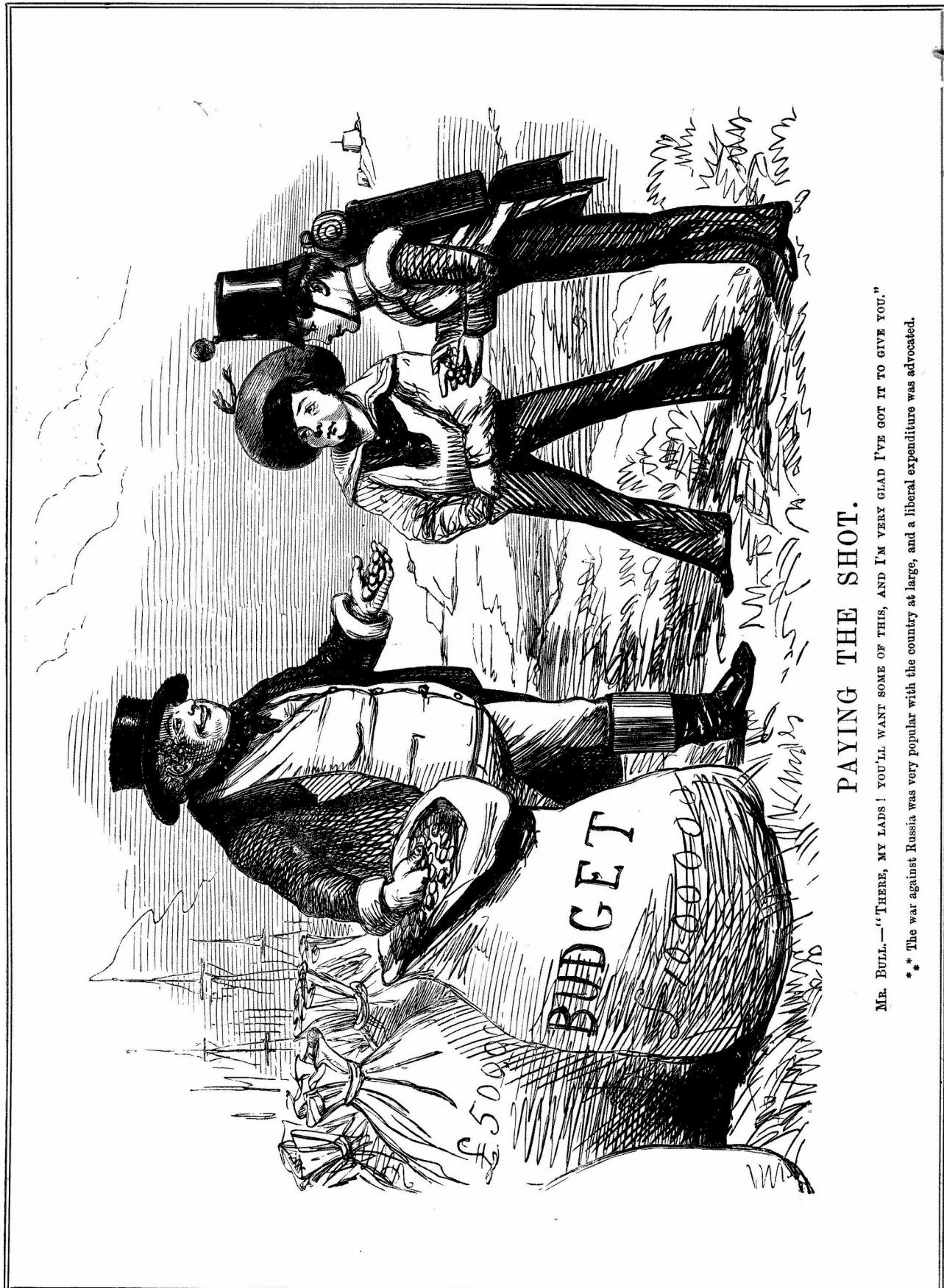
NICHOLLS.—“BOMBARDMENT OF ODESSA! CONFOUND IT! THIS WILL

BE VERY ANNOYING TO DEAR OLD ABERDEEN.”

ABERDEEN.—“BOMBARDMENT OF ODESSA! DEAR ME, THIS WILL BE

VERY DISAGREEABLE TO MY IMPERIAL FRIEND.”

** The news of the bombardment of Odessa by the Allied fleets was not, it was suspected, welcomed by the Earl of Aberdeen, who was thought to have leanings towards Russia.



PAYING THE SHOT.

MR. BULL.—“THERE, MY LADS ! YOU’LL WANT SOME OF THIS, AND I’M VERY GLAD I’VE GOT IT TO GIVE YOU.”

* * * The war against Russia was very popular with the country at large, and a liberal expenditure was advocated.



THE BLACK CHOKER.

DEDICATED TO THE POWERS THAT BE.

PRIVATE JONES.—“HERE! HI! BILL!! C-O-C-C-CATCH HOLD O’ MY MUSKET! MY HEAD’S C-O-C-COMING OFF!”

** Objections were continually being urged against the use of the stiff leather stock worn at this time by the privates in the army.



LORD A—N.

LORD J. R—L.

A HOME AND FOREIGN QUESTION.

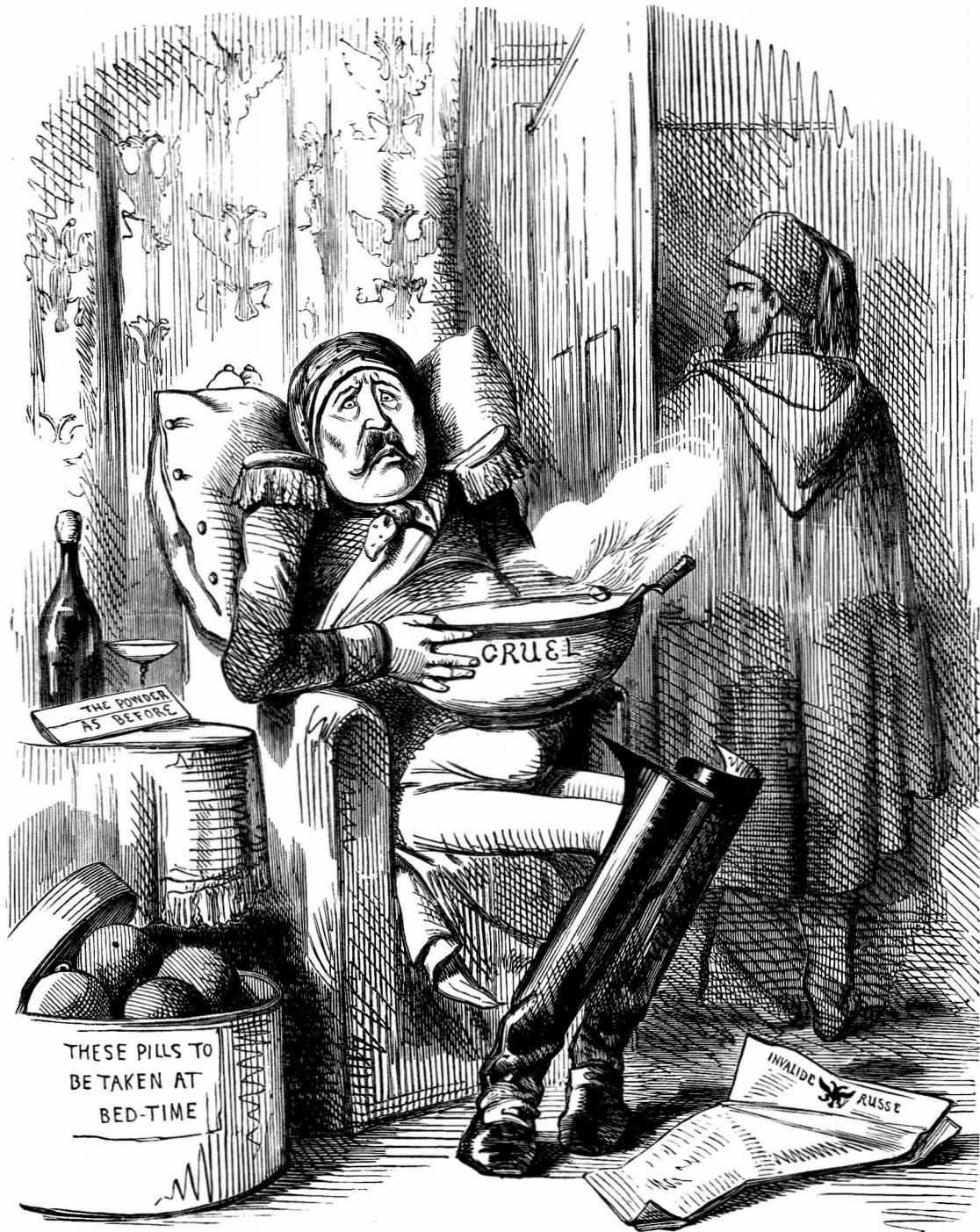
JOHANNA.—“WHEN'S THE FIGHTIN' GOIN' TO BEGIN, GEORGE-ENA?”

* * * Lord Aberdeen's policy was thought to be too temporising and not to promise well for an energetic and successful prosecution of the war. It was urged that Sebastopol ought to be attacked by the Allies.



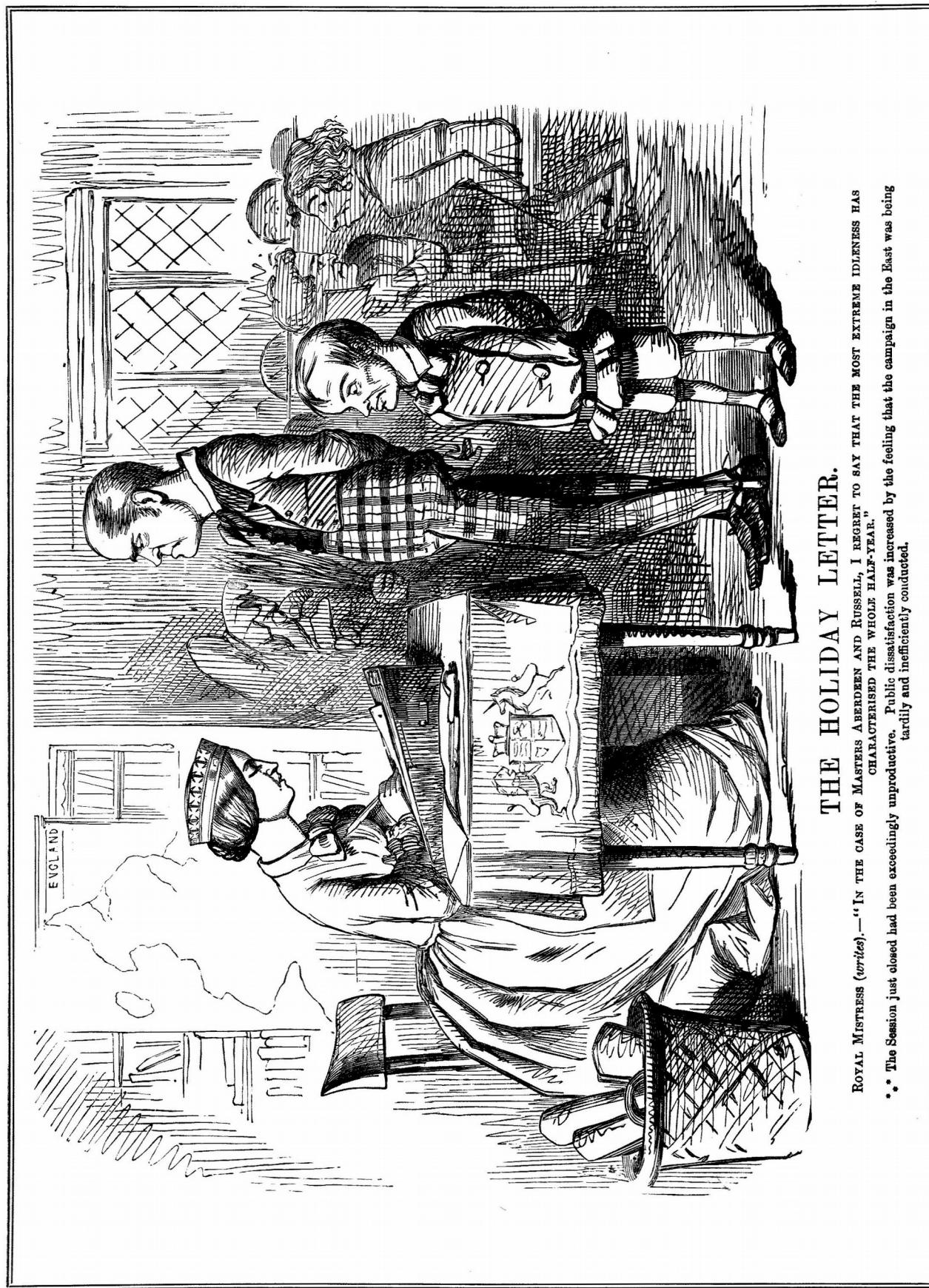
THE RUSSIAN FRANKENSTEIN AND HIS MONSTER.

** Russia had already suffered several severe reverses, and it seemed as if she had created a monster that would eventually destroy her.



THE REAL "INVALIDE RUSSE."

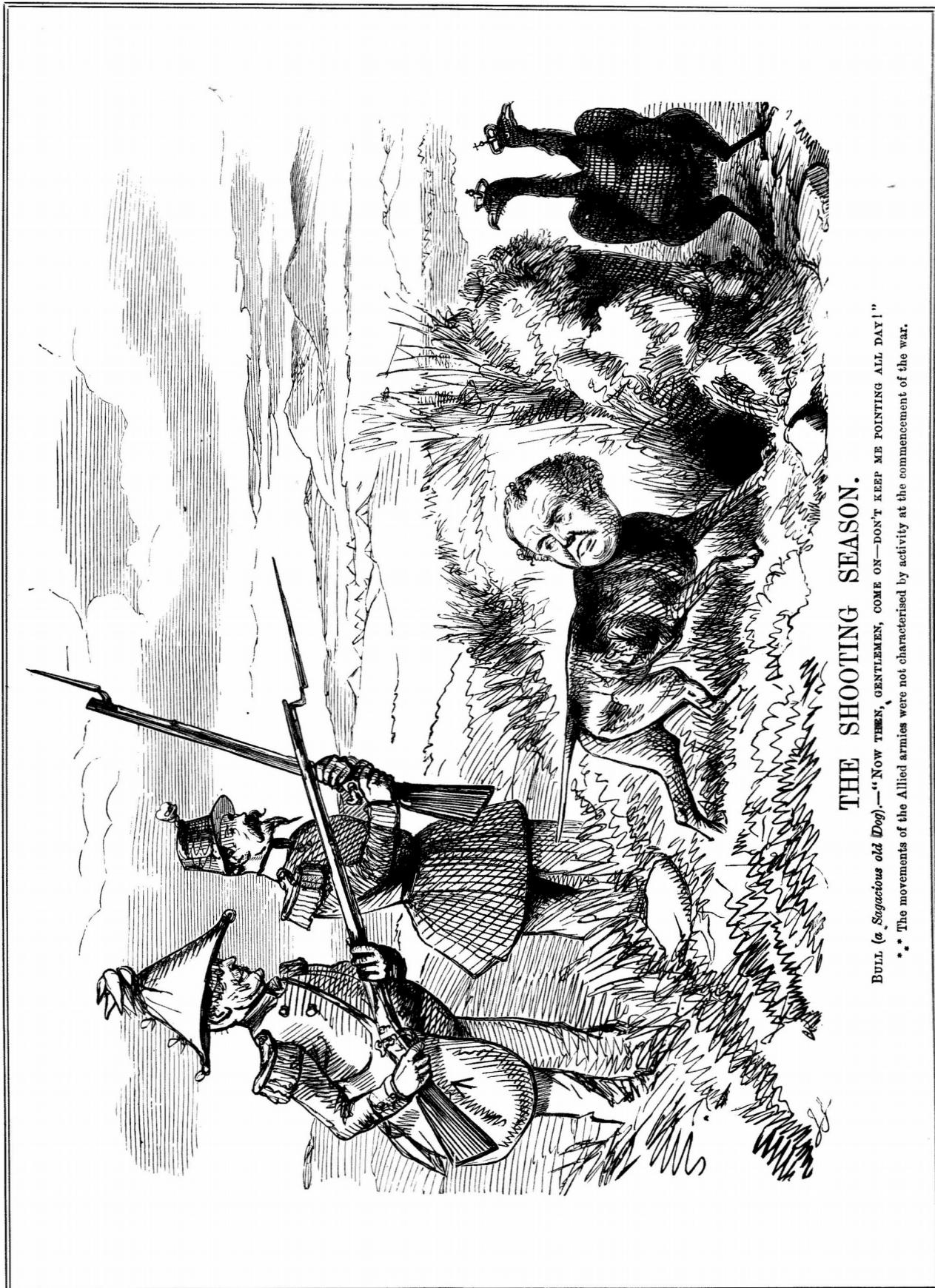
* * * A leading Russian paper, the *Invalide Russe*, had published untrue results of the various engagements between the Turks and the Russians at the beginning of the war.



THE HOLIDAY LETTER.

ROYAL MISTRESS (*writes*).—"IN THE CASE OF MASTERS ABERDEEN AND RUSSELL, I REGRET TO SAY THAT THE MOST EXTREME IDLENESS HAS CHARACTERISED THE WHOLE HALF-YEAR."

* * * The Session just closed had been exceedingly unproductive. Public dissatisfaction was increased by the feeling that the campaign in the East was being tardily and inefficiently conducted.



THE SHOOTING SEASON.

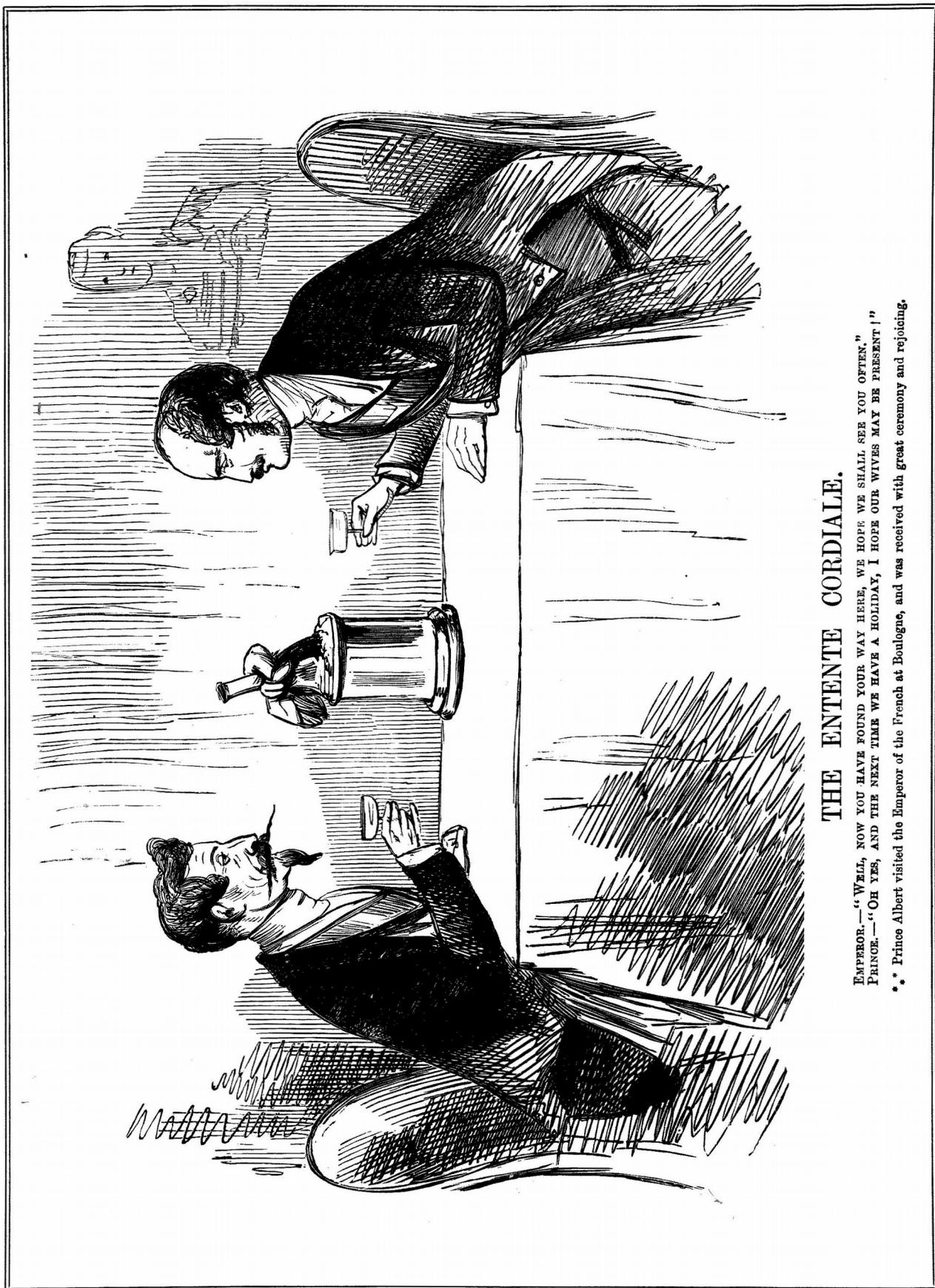
BULL (*a Sagacious old Dog*).—"Now THEN, GENTLEMEN, COME ON—DON'T KEEP ME POINTING ALL DAY!"

"* The movements of the Allied armies were not characterised by activity at the commencement of the war.



"YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SPEAK TO THE MAN
AT THE WHEEL."

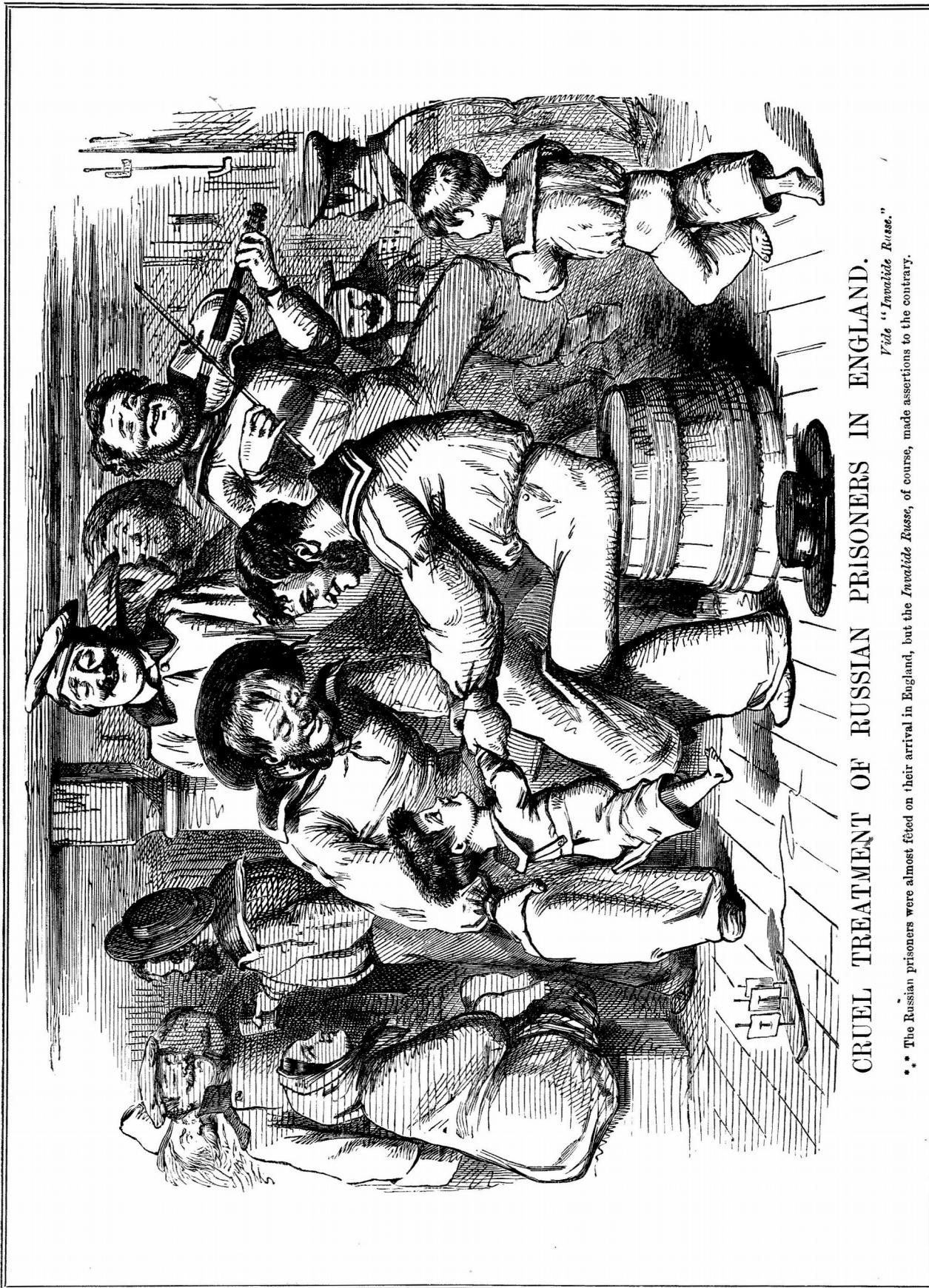
** The inactivity of the Government was causing it to become increasingly unpopular. Many and loud were the appeals to Lord Aberdeen to "wake up."

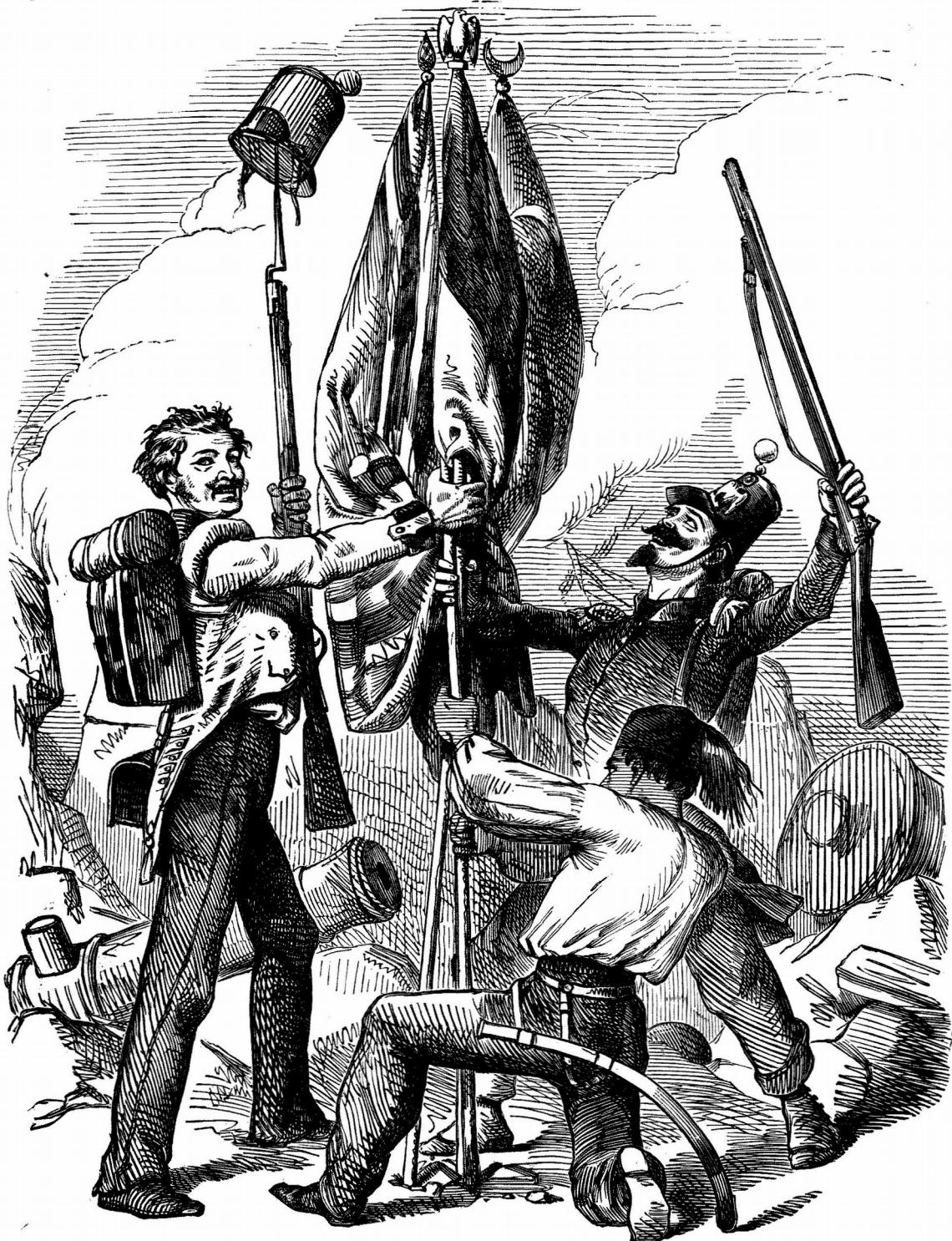


THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

EMPEROR.—“Well, now you have found your way here, we hope we shall see you often.”
PRINCE.—“Oh yes, and the next time we have a holiday, I hope our wives may be present!”

* * Prince Albert visited the Emperor of the French at Boulogne, and was received with great ceremony and rejoicing.





VICTORY OF THE ALMA.

* * * The allied forces achieved a brilliant victory over the Russians at the Battle of the Alma. This was the first serious engagement in the Crimean war.



BURSTING OF THE RUSSIAN BUBBLE.

* * The Russians had evacuated the Danubian Principalities, the Battle of Alma had been fought, and part of the Russian fleet sunk at Sebastopol.



THE EMPEROR (WITH THE MILD EYES) OBJECTS TO
THE NAKED TRUTH.

* * * A censorship of the Press was established in Russia and garbled reports from the seat of war were published in the newspapers.
The Czar had been described as the "Emperor with the mild eyes."



JACK'S HOLIDAY.—A SCENE OFF BALAKLAVA.

JACK.—“ASK YER HONOUR'S PARDON, BUT MAY ME AND JIM GRAMPUS HAVE A LIBERTY DAY ASHORE, TO GO A SHOOTIN' WITH THEM SOJERS?”

*** The fleet in the Black Sea had very little to do, and the sailors, weary of inactivity and pining for a go at the “Rooshians,” were eager to volunteer for any service ashore.



THE RUSSIAN BEAR'S UN-LICKED CUBS,
NICHOLAS AND MICHAEL.

* * At the request of Prince Menschikoff, the Emperor of Russia sent his two sons, the Princes Nicholas and Michael, to take part in the Battle of Inkermann.



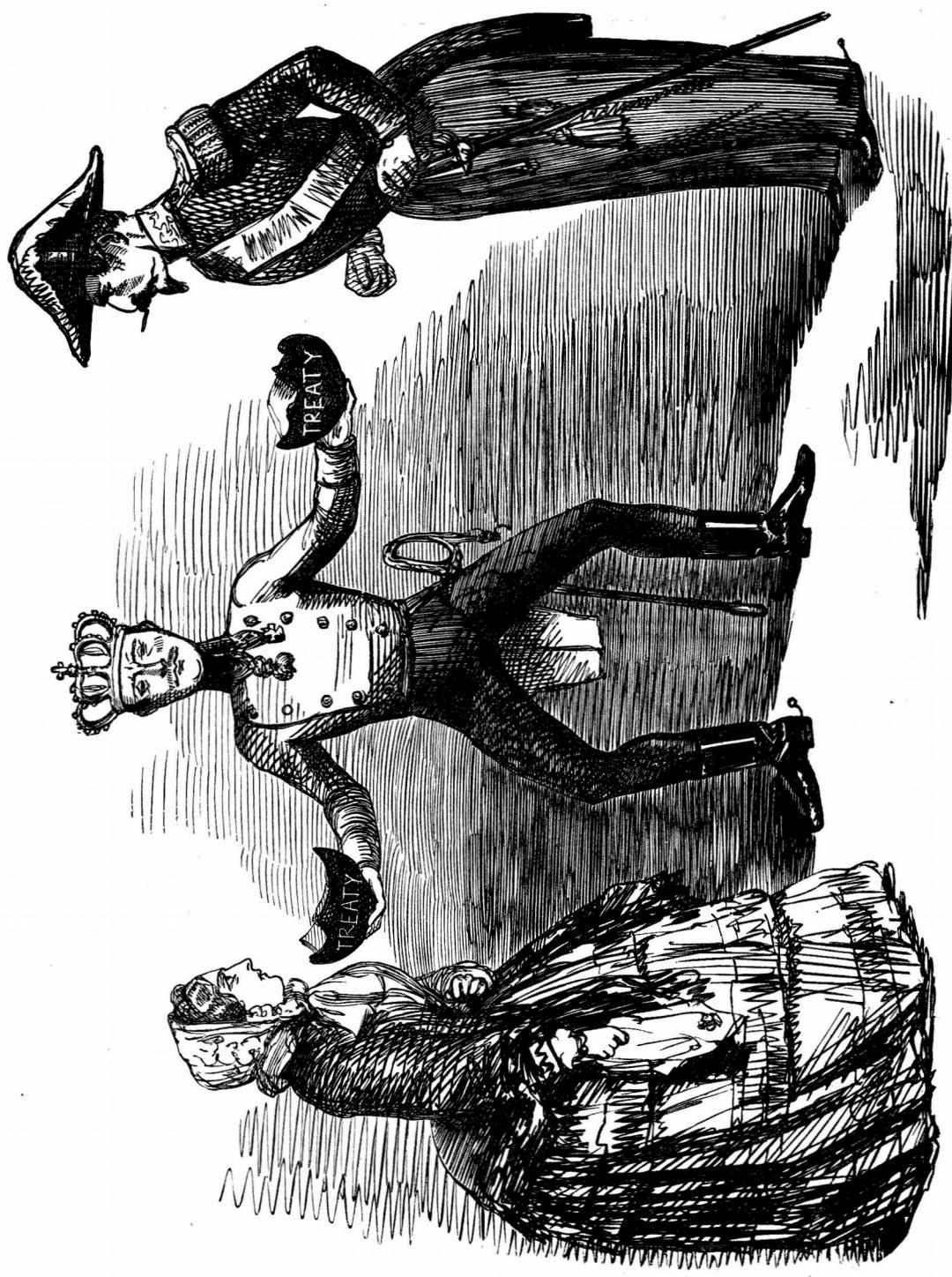
ENTHUSIASM OF PATERFAMILIAS,

ON READING THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CHARGE OF BRITISH CAVALRY AT BALAKLAVA.

* * * The news of the Battle of Balaklava, and especially of the memorable "Charge of the Light Brigade," was received in England with unbounded enthusiasm.

AUSTRIA AND THE SHELLS.

** A Treaty of Alliance was signed at this time between England, France, Austria and Prussia, and promised such results as are depicted in this cartoon.





REMANDED.

J—Y R—S—LL.—“WELL, OLD BOY, WHAT LUCK?”
A—D—N.—“WEEL, I'M JUST REMANDED TILL NEXT SESSIONS.”

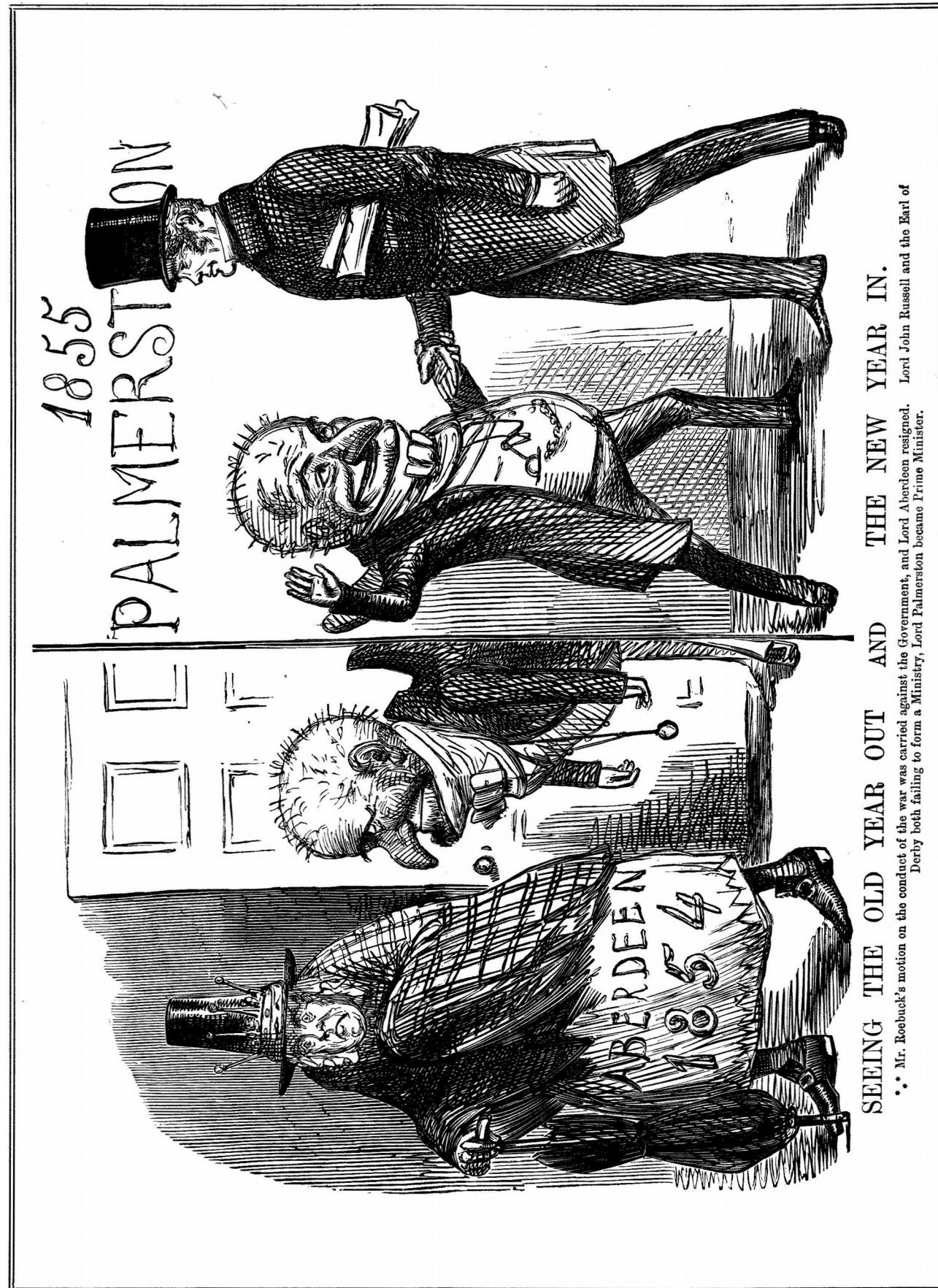
** When Parliament separated for the Christmas Recess, it was felt that the downfall of Lord Aberdeen's Ministry was only deferred.



FOREIGN ENLISTMENT.

IF WE MUST HAVE IT—FOR GOODNESS SAKE BEGIN WITH THE ORGAN MEN.

** The Duke of Newcastle's Foreign Enlistment Bill, which permitted the raising of a force of foreigners, to be drilled in England, was carried, with some modification, both in the Commons and the Lords.





SPADES ARE TRUMPS.

NAVY (TO AB-RD-N).—"NOW, OLD STICK-IN-THE-MUD, LET ME TRY IF I CAN GET YOU OUT OF THE MESS."

* * * The terrible condition of the army in the Crimea was greatly increased by the want of good roads. A corps of navvies was sent out to remedy this evil.



THE OLD GENTLEMAN (WITH THE MILD EYES)
DRESSING FOR A MASQUERADE.

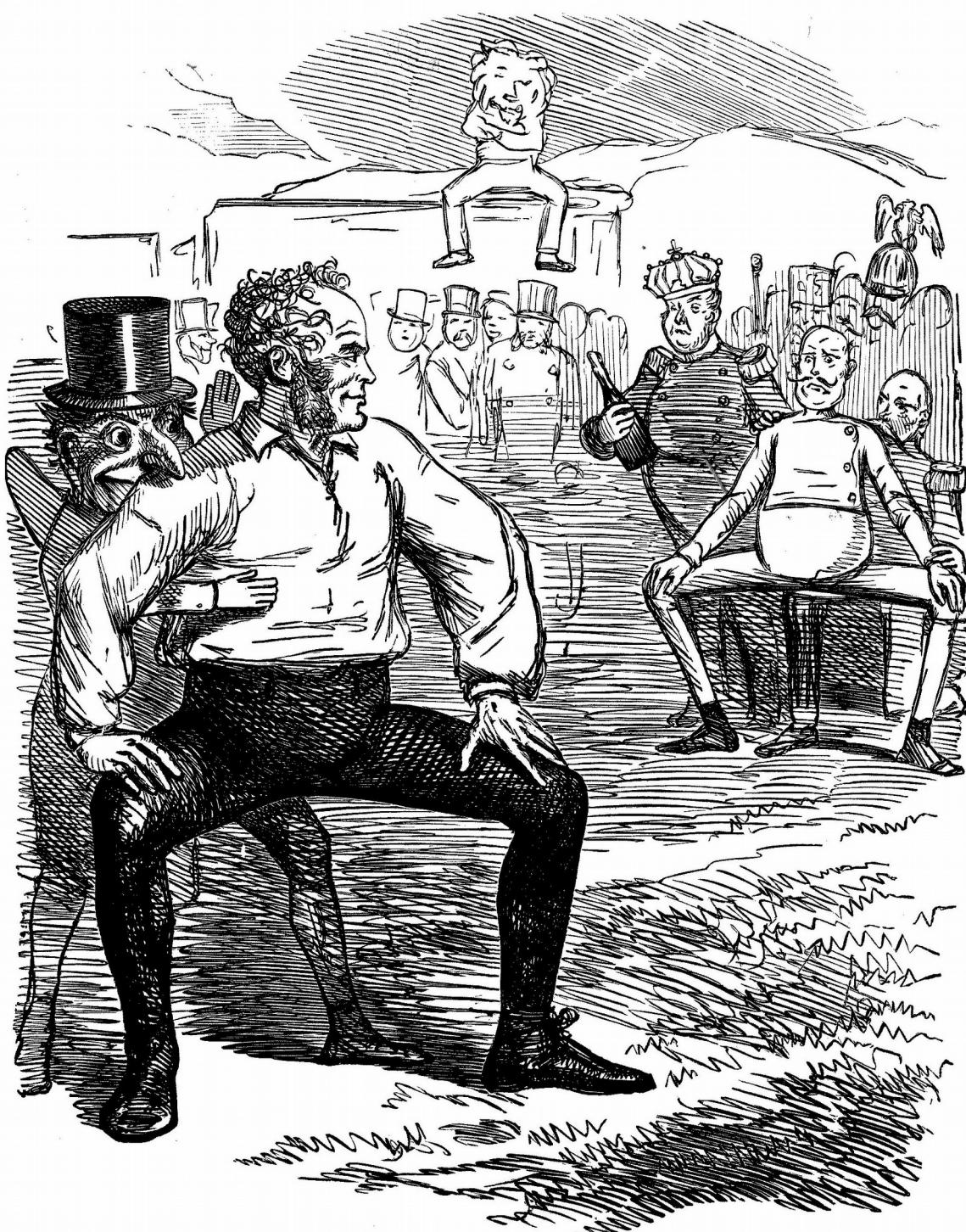
* * * The Emperor of Russia was said to be inclined to peace.



THE DIRTY DOORSTEP.

P—LM—RST—N (*an active lad*).—"WELL! THIS IS THE GREATEST MESS I EVER SAW AT ANYBODY'S DOOR."
LITTLE JACK R—SS—LL.—"AH! I LIVED THERE ONCE—BUT I WAS OBLIGED TO LEAVE—it was such a very irregular family."

* * * Lord Palmerston, the new Premier, found affairs very much in the condition represented in this cartoon.



NOW FOR IT!

A SET-TO BETWEEN "PAM, THE DOWNING STREET PET," AND "THE RUSSIAN SPIDER."

* * Public confidence in Lord Palmerston was great and led everyone to anticipate a speedy end to the war.



* * * The inefficiency of some of those responsible for the conduct of the war drew public attention at this time to the question of the Purchase of Commissions in the Army.



MR. BULL WANTS TO KNOW "THE REASON WHY."

Mrs. JAMES GRAHAM (*as Housekeeper*).—“REALLY, SIR, THIS ‘INQUIRY’ IS SO VERY ‘INCONVENIENT’ THAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO LEAVE AT ONCE.”
** Mr. Gladstone, Sir James Graham, and Mr. Sydney Herbert succeeded from Lord Palmerston’s Cabinet, disapproving of the demand for an inquiry into the Crimean mismanagement.



"GENERAL FÉVRIER" TURNED TRAITOR.

"RUSSIA HAS TWO GENERALS IN WHOM SHE CAN CONFIDE—GENERALS JANVIER AND FÉVRIER."—*Speech of the late Emperor of Russia.*

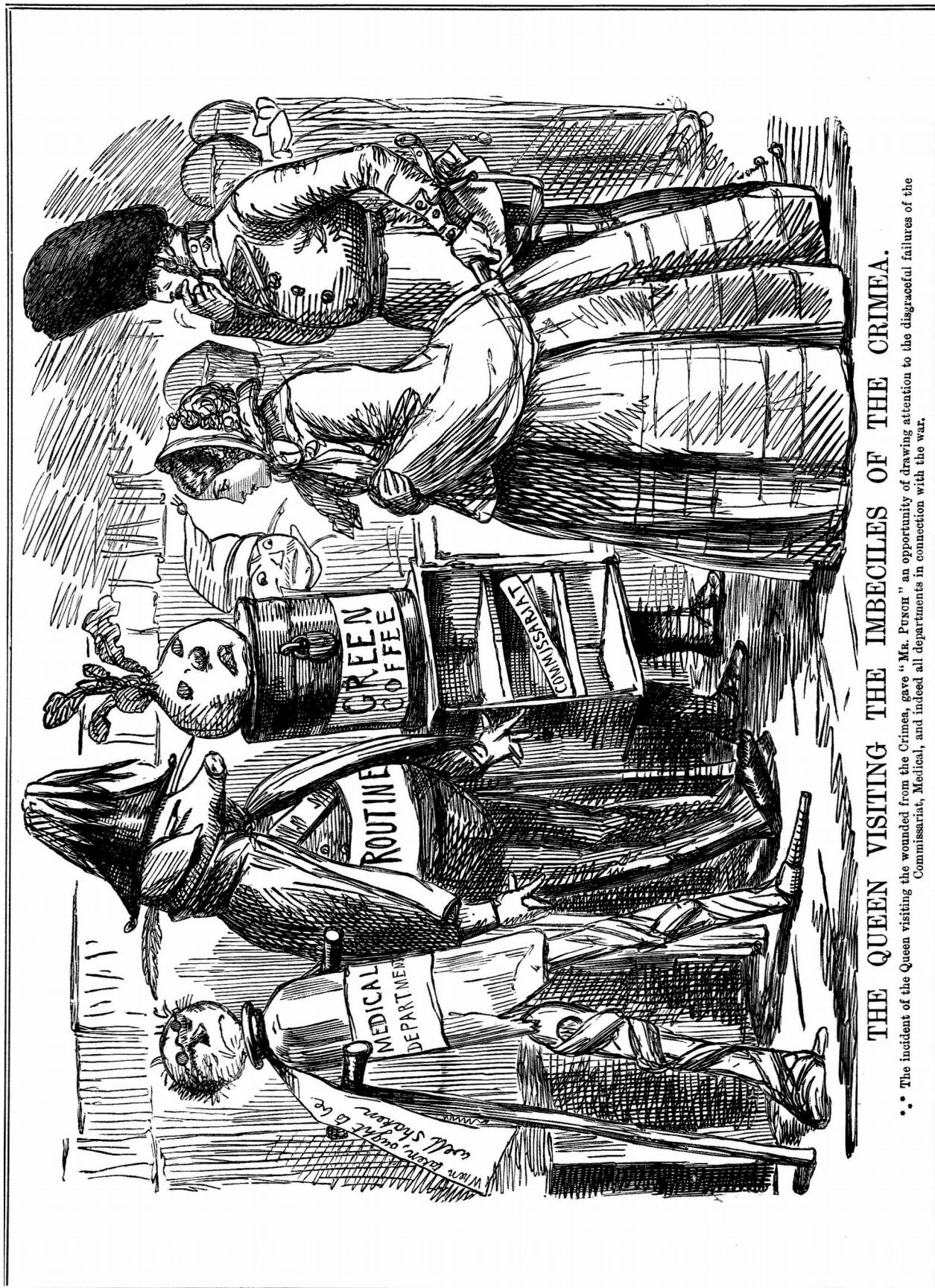
* * The Emperor Nicholas, the primary cause of the suffering that prevailed in the Crimea, died on the 2nd March. It was in February that the Russians met with severe defeat.



THE CONFERENCE.

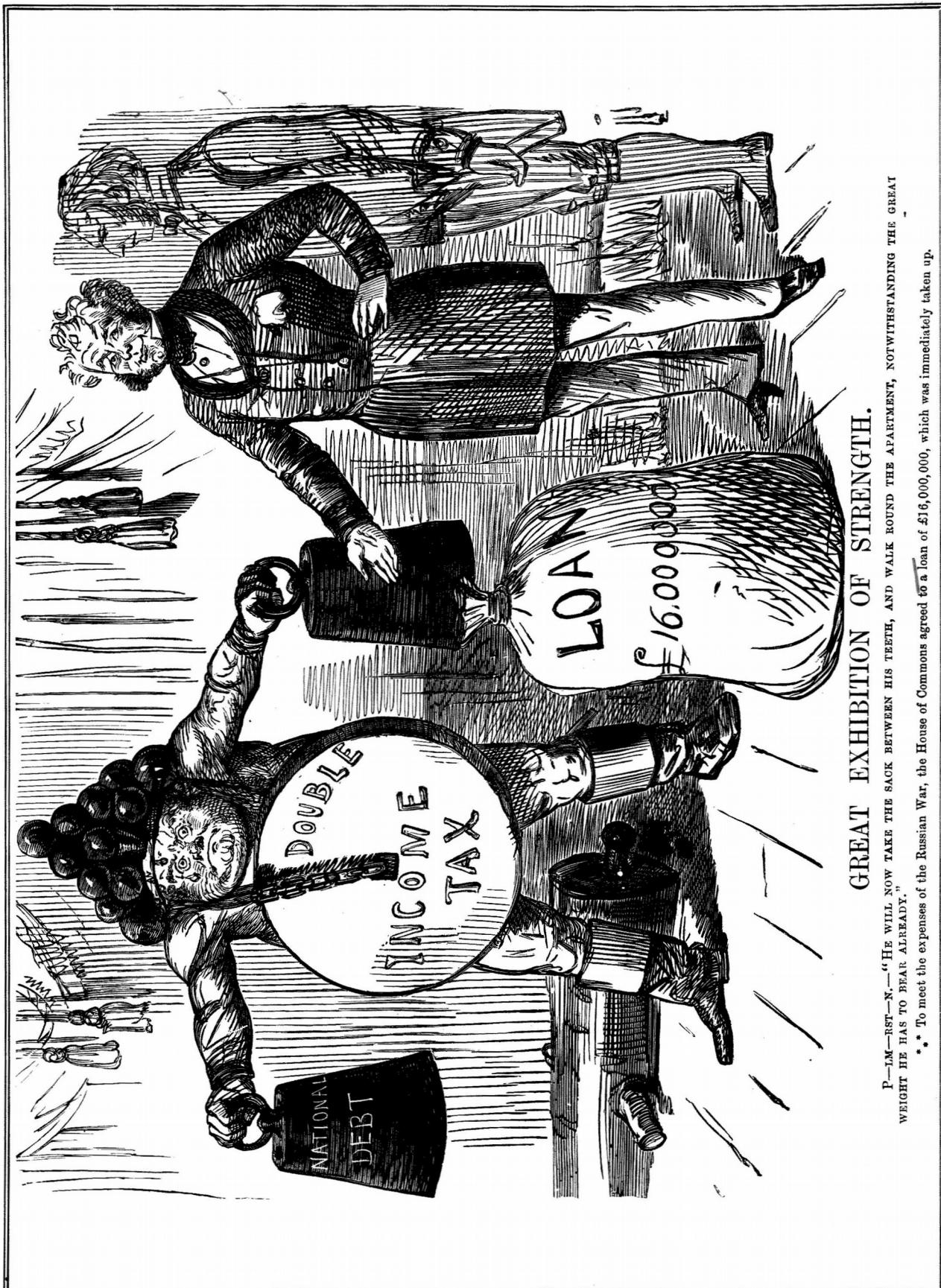
KING CLIQOUT.—“I SHAY, OLE FELLOW—LET'SCH IN—I WON'T MAKE A ROW, AND I'LL SHSTAND LOTS O' CHAMPAGNE.”

. Lord Lyndhurst advocated the exclusion of Prussia from the Vienna Conference. “Cliquot” was the nickname applied (very unjustly) to the King of Prussia, who was said to have a weakness for champagne.



THE QUEEN VISITING THE IMBECILES OF THE CRIMEA.

* * * The incident of the Queen visiting the wounded from the Crimea, gave "Mr. Punch" an opportunity of drawing attention to the disgraceful failures of the Commissariat, Medical, and indeed all departments in connection with the war.



P—LM—RST—N.—“HE WILL NOW TAKE THE SACK BETWEEN HIS TEETH, AND WALK ROUND THE APARTMENT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE GREAT WEIGHT HE HAS TO BEAR ALREADY.”
** To meet the expenses of the Russian War, the House of Commons agreed to a loan of £16,000,000, which was immediately taken up.



THE RETURN FROM VIENNA.

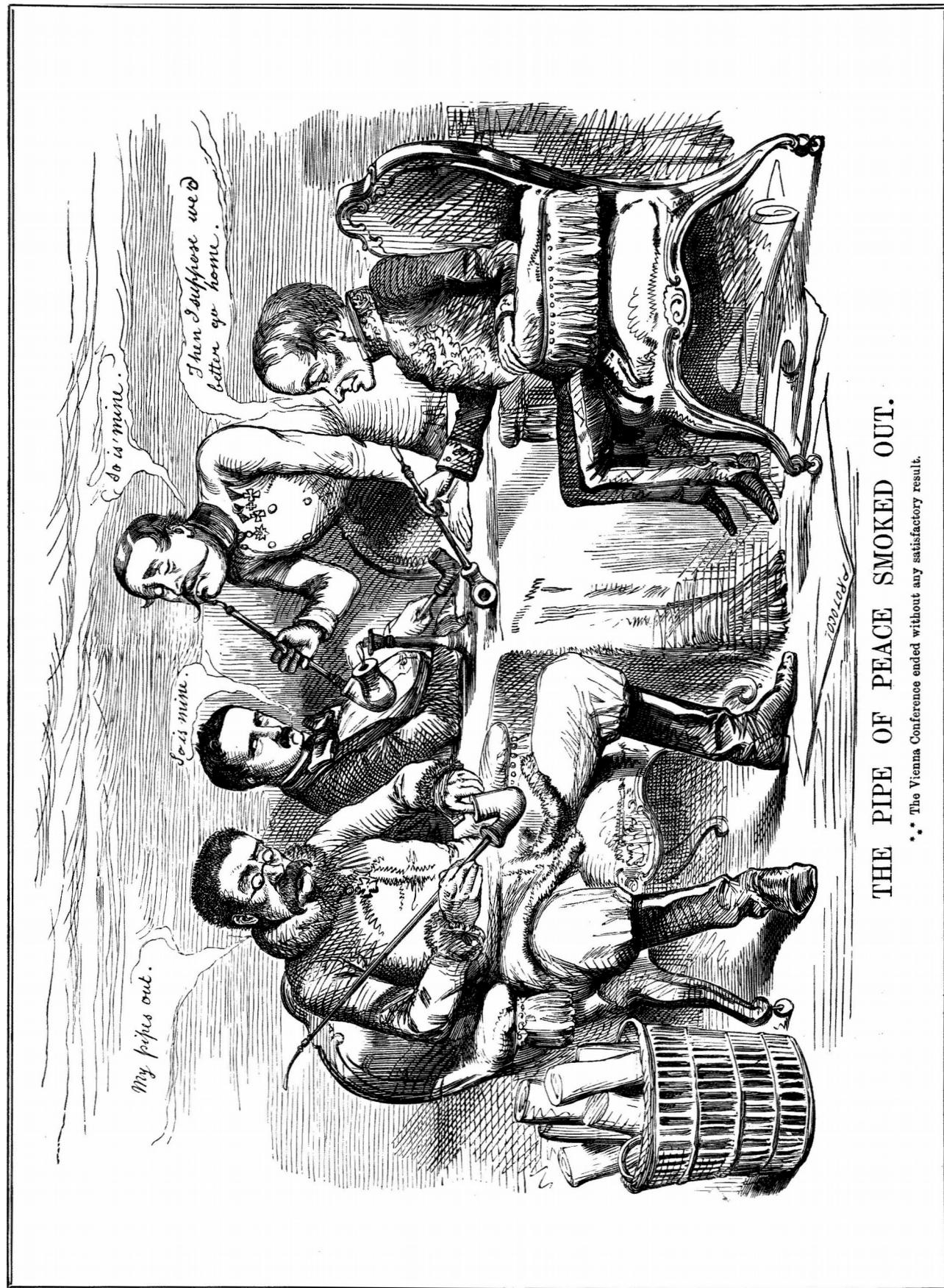
H—R M—Y.—“NOW, SIR, WHAT A TIME YOU HAVE BEEN ! WHAT'S THE ANSWER ?”
L—D J—N.—“PLEASE, 'M, THERE IS—IS—IS—IS—ISN'T ANY ANSWER.”

* * * Lord John Russell returned from the Vienna Conference, and on his reappearance in the House of Commons, explained the course of the negotiations and their final failure.



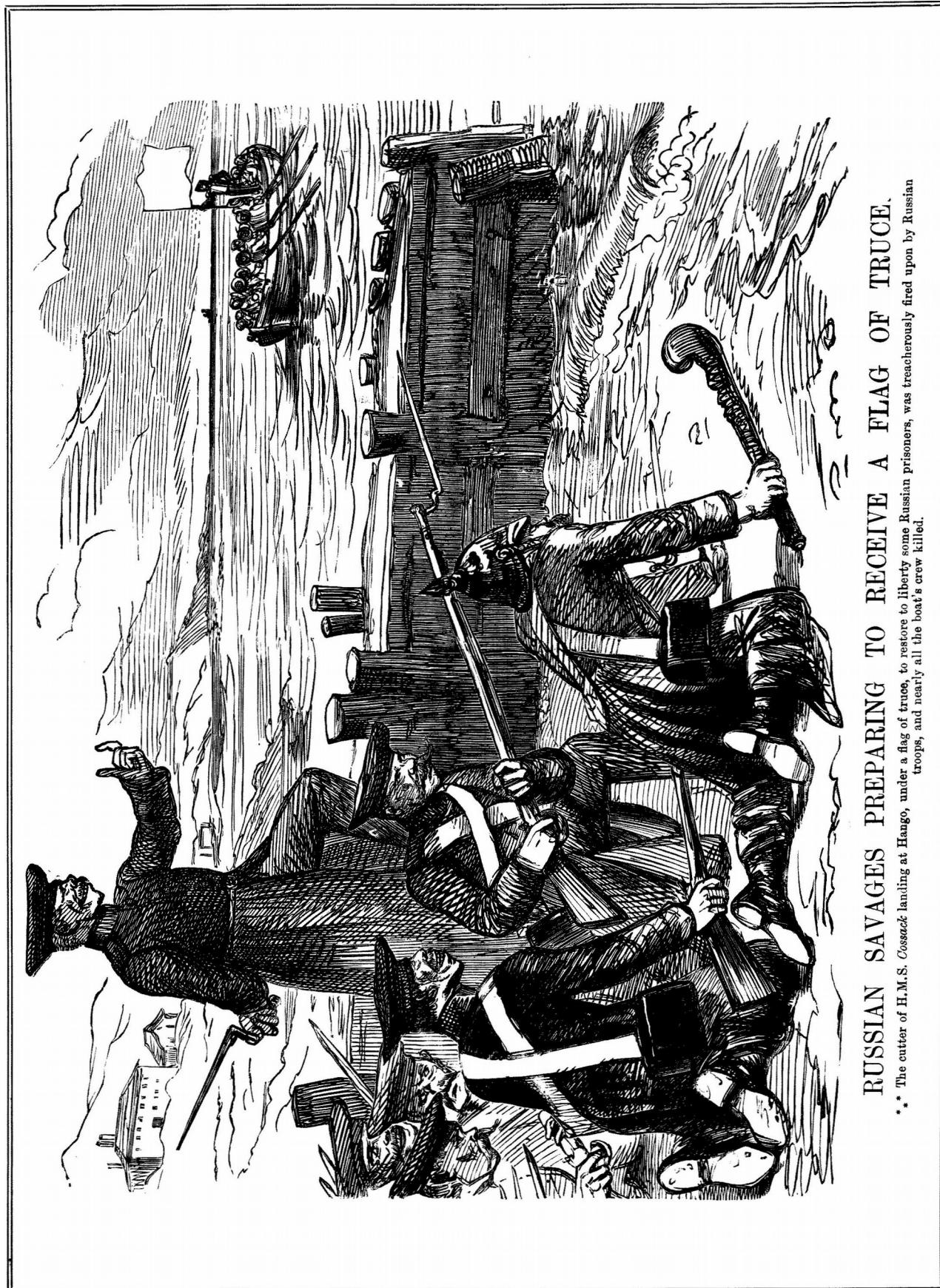
JAMIE GR-H-M, THE UNPLEASANT BOY, WHO MADE A
DIRT-PIE AND ATE IT.

* * Mr. Layard had brought forward in the House of Commons the misdoings of the War Departments, and was assailed by Sir James Graham (late First Lord of the Admiralty), who afterwards explained and apologised.



THE PIPE OF PEACE SMOKED OUT.

** The Vienna Conference ended without any satisfactory result.



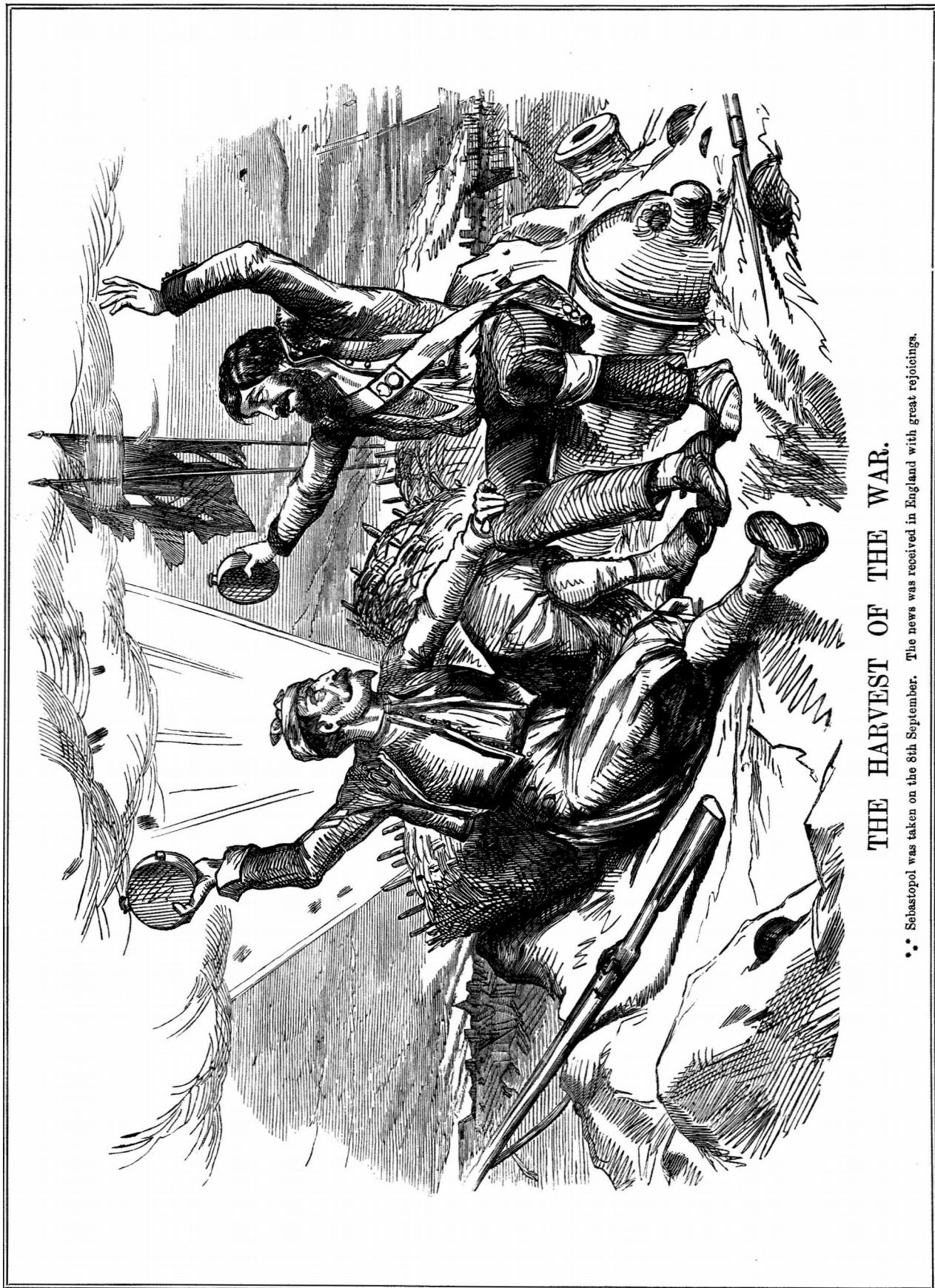
RUSSIAN SAVAGES PREPARING TO RECEIVE A FLAG OF TRUCE.

** The cutter of H.M.S. Cossack landing at Hangoo, under a flag of truce, to restore to liberty some Russian prisoners, was treacherously fired upon by Russian troops, and nearly all the boat's crew killed.



LA BELLE ALLIANCE, 1855.

* * * The Queen and Prince Albert went to Paris on a visit to the Emperor and Empress of the French.



THE HARVEST OF THE WAR.

** Sebastopol was taken on the 8th September. The news was received in England with great rejoicings.



A DAY'S FISHING AT SEBASTOPOL.

JACK.—“HI! JIM, BRING THE LANDING NET—BLOW'D IF I HAIN'T HOOKED ANOTHER SEVENTY-FOUR.”

. At the beginning of the war the Russians sank part of their own fleet in the harbour of Sebastopol.



WHAT WE MUST COME TO.

OLD PARTY (TO P—NM—RE).—"OH, IF YOU PLEASE, SIR.—DID YOU WANT A SPERITY OLD WOMAN TO SEE AFTER THINGS IN THE CRIMEA? NO OBJECTION TO BEING MADE A FIELD MARSHAL, AND GLORY NOT SO MUCH AN OBJECT AS A GOOD SALARY!"

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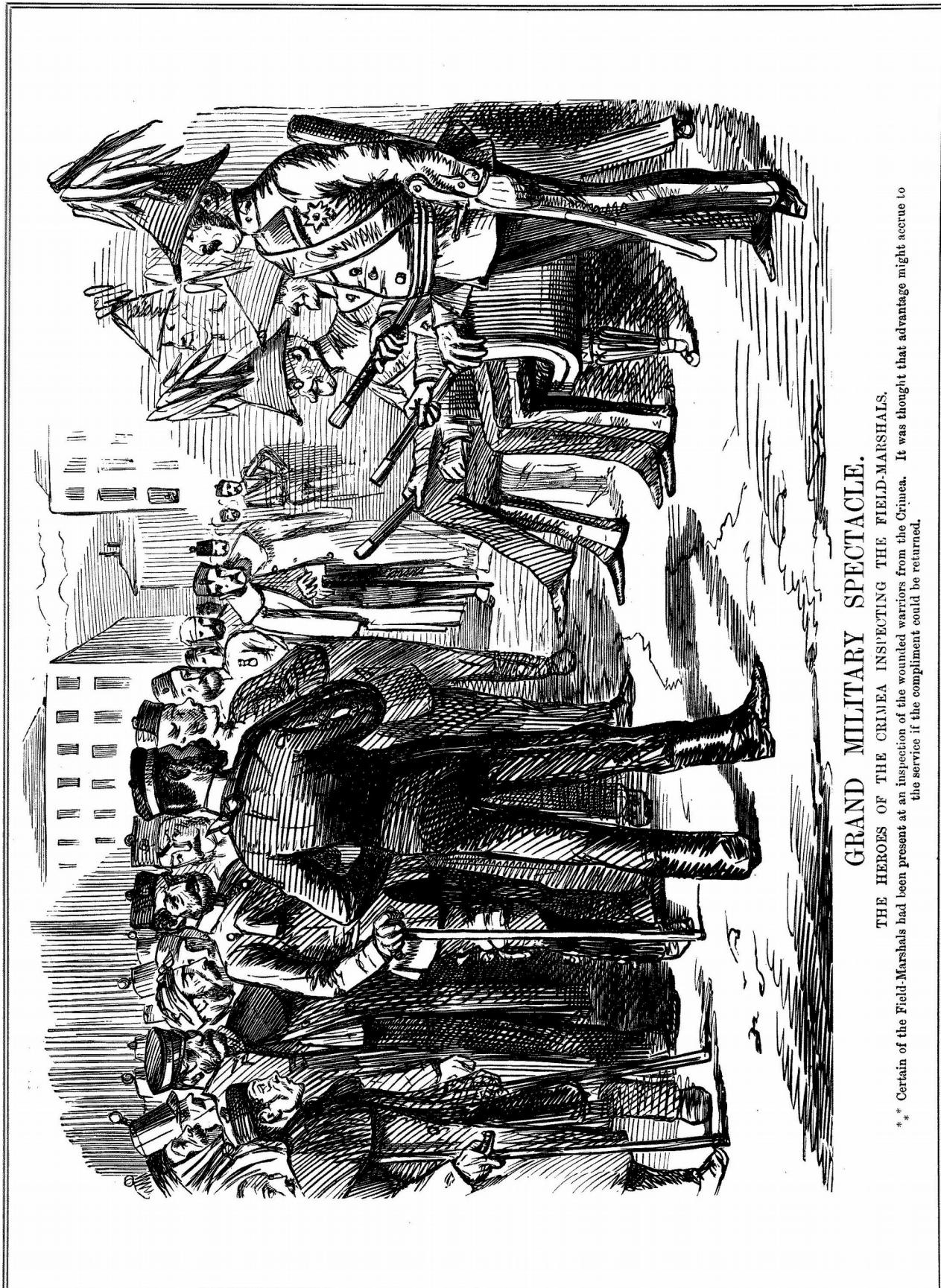
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THE NEW COALITION.

** Messrs. Bright, Gladstone and Disraeli were at this time in accord in deprecating the policy of pushing on operations in the Crimea until Russia was disabled from further mischief.



GRAND MILITARY SPECTACLE.

THE HEROES OF THE CRIMEA INSPECTING THE FIELD-MARSHALS.

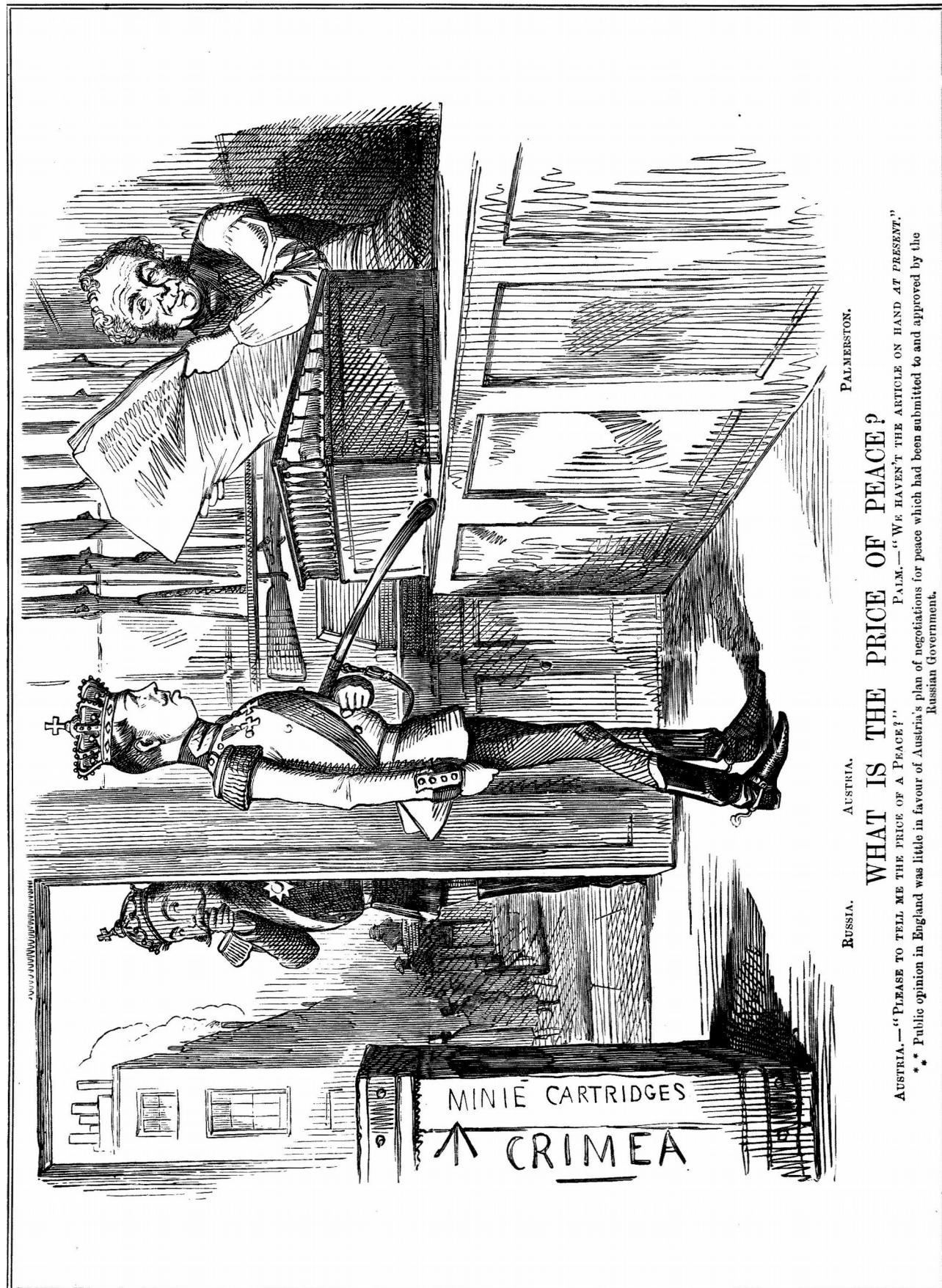
* * Certain of the Field-Marshals had been present at an inspection of the wounded warriors from the Crimea. It was thought that advantage might accrue to the service if the compliment could be returned.

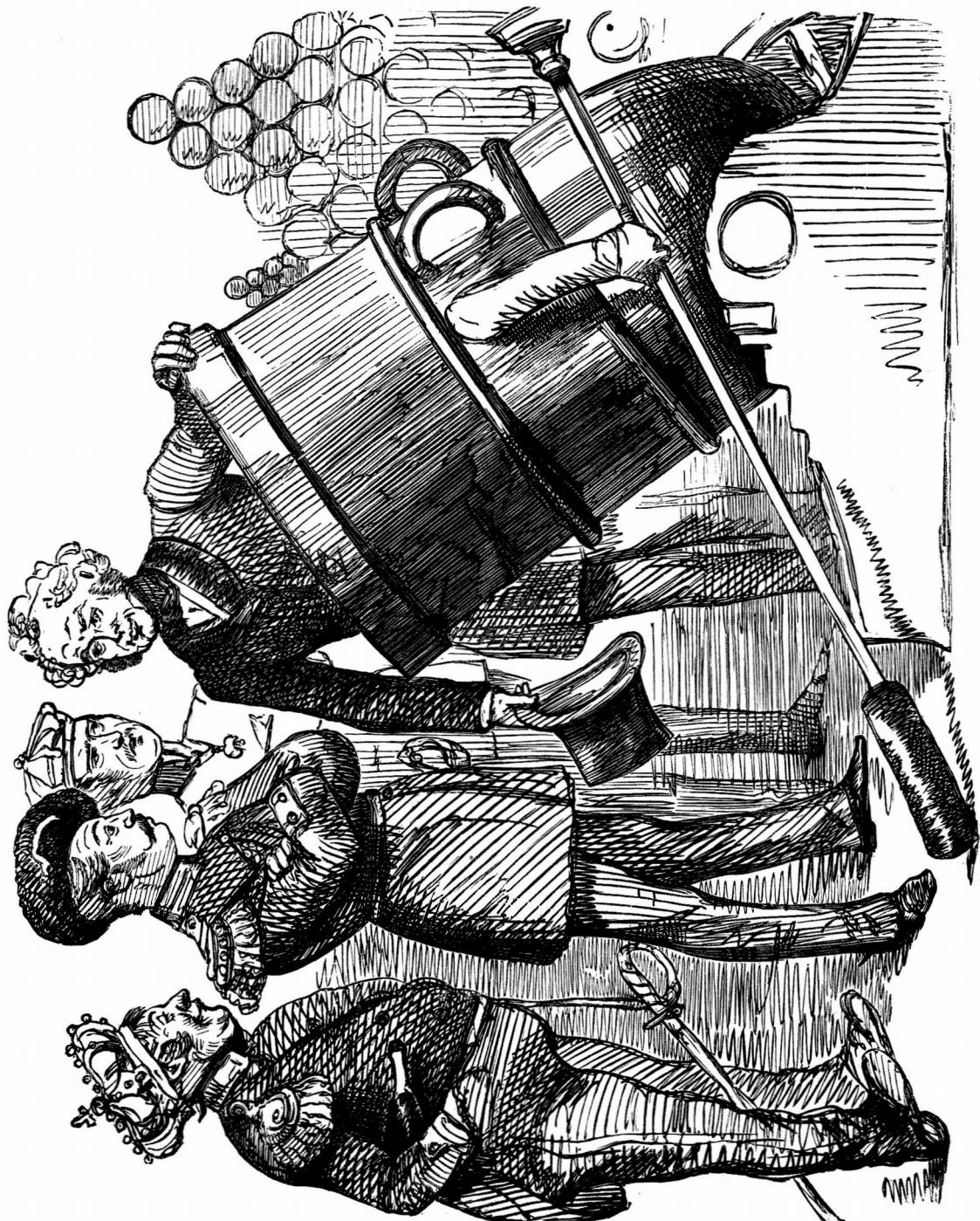


THE NEW GAME OF FOLLOW MY LEADER.

" PLEASE, GENERAL, MAY ME AND THESE OTHER CHAPS HAVE LEAVE TO GO HOME ON URGENT PRIVATE AFFAIRS."

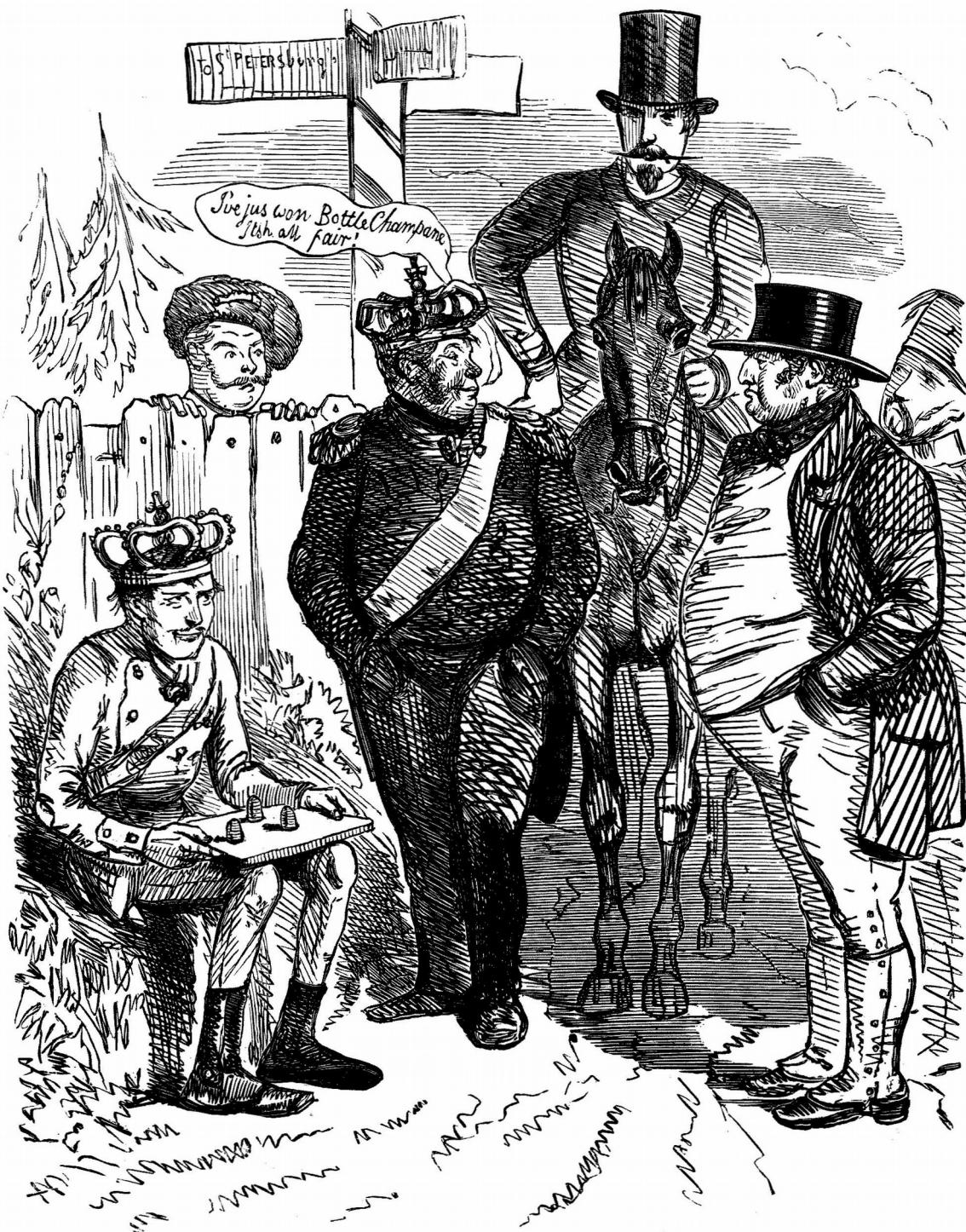
* * It was a reproach that many officers on active service in the Crimea obtained leave of absence from their regiments on the plea of "urgent private affairs."





THE ENGLISH PACIFICATOR.

* * Lord Palmerston's Pacifier—*i.e.*, a vigorous prosecution of military operations—was for the moment very popular in England. It was thought that Prussia, Russia, and Austria required some such intimation as was suggested in this cartoon.



THE AUSTRIAN THIMBLERIG.

AUSTRIA.—“NOW THEN, I’LL BET ANY GENT A SOVEREIGN, HE DON’T TELL ME WHICH THIMBLE THE PEACE IS UNDER !”

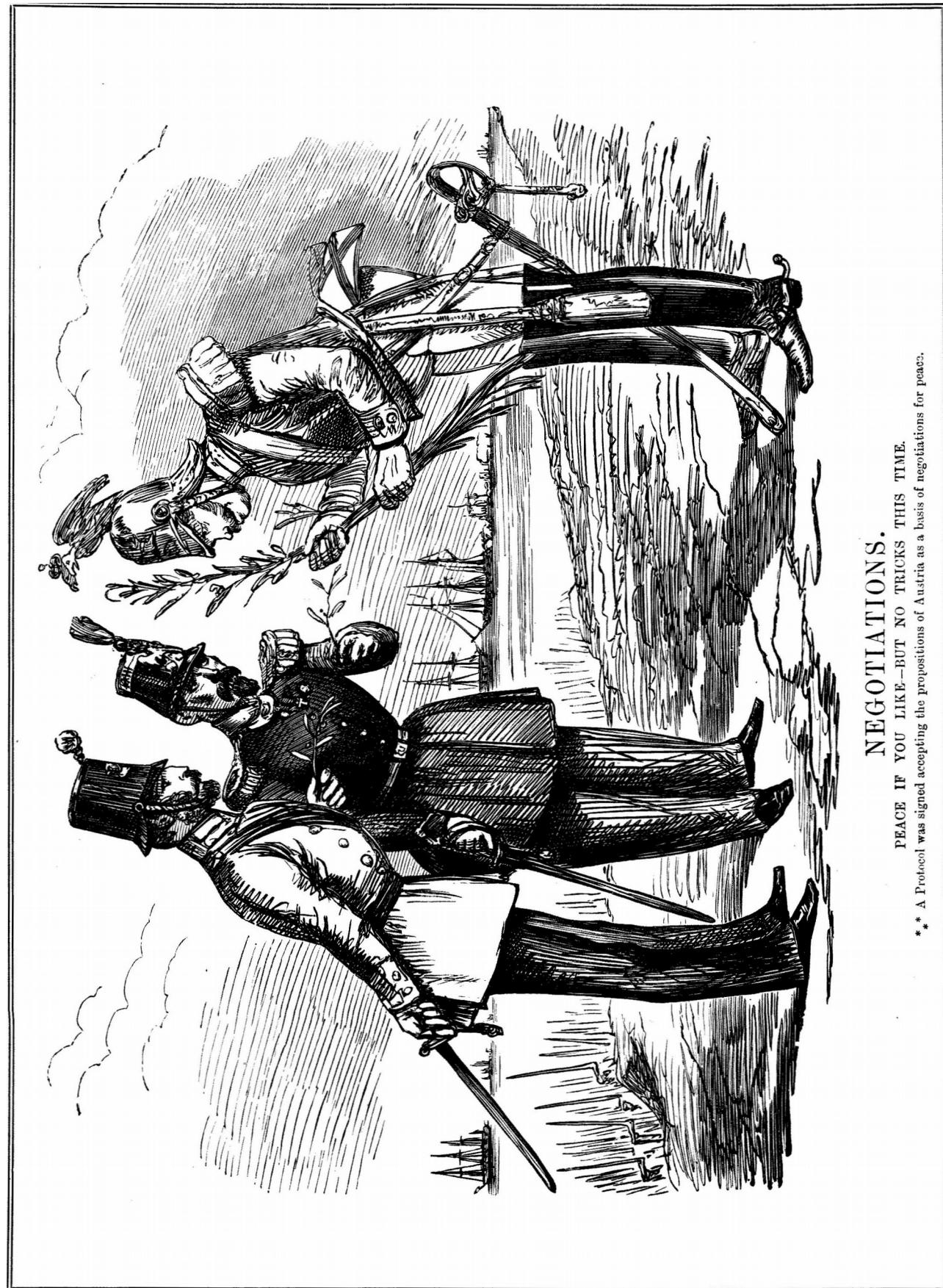
* * Certain proposals of peace were made by Austria to Russia, with the consent of the Allies.



THE CELEBRATED NO-CONJUROR.

THE WIZARD OF THE WEST RIDING PERFORMING THE GREAT EXTINGUISHER TRICK.

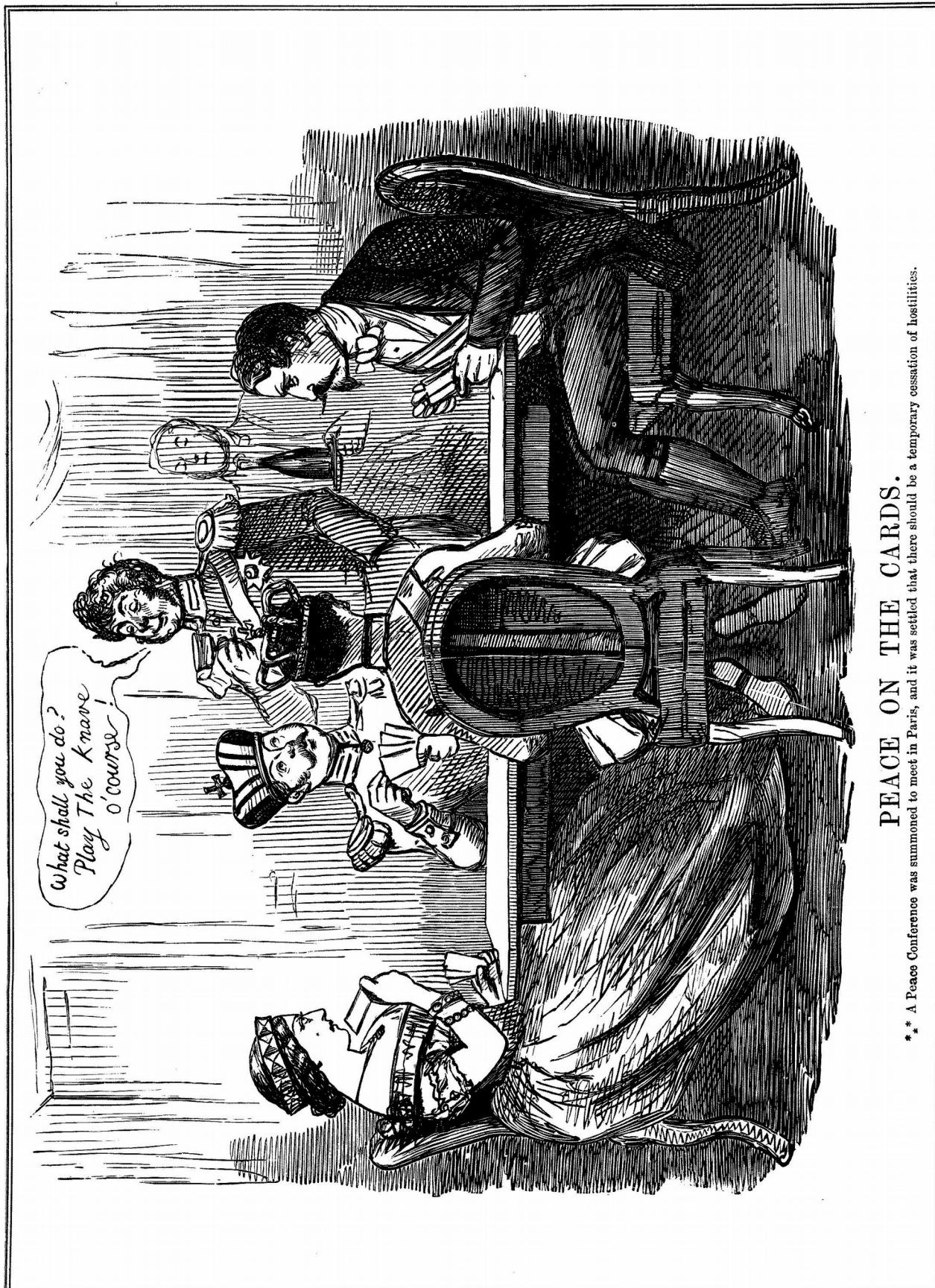
* * Mr. Cobden published, under the title of "What Next? and Next?", a pamphlet in favour of Russia, which was thought to be a very unstatesmanlike production.



NEGOTIATIONS.

PEACE IF YOU LIKE—BUT NO TRICKS THIS TIME.

** A Protocol was signed accepting the propositions of Austria as a basis of negotiations for peace.



PEACE ON THE CARDS.

* * A Peace Conference was summoned to meet in Paris, and it was settled that there should be a temporary cessation of hostilities.



SCENE FROM A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

(AS PERFORMED AT WINDSOR CASTLE.)

TITANIA, QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES HER M—J-STY. BOTTOM BY GENERAL MISMANAGEMENT.

* * The general mismanagement here typified, extended throughout Her Majesty's War Departments.



PANMURE'S GENERAL RENOVATOR.

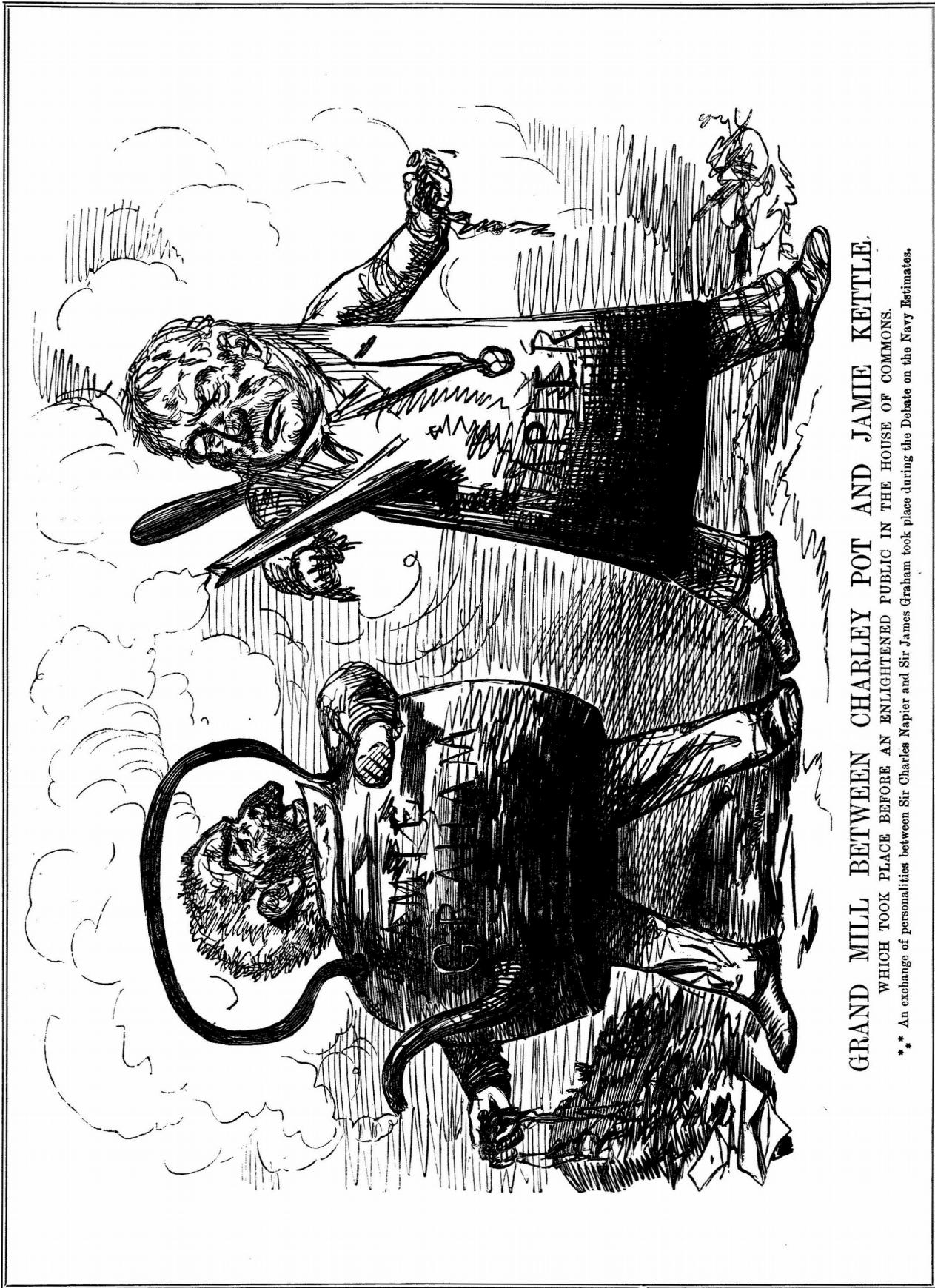
"NOW, MY NOBLEMEN, GENTLEMEN, AND BRITISH PUBLIC—HERE I AM, FROM OVER THE WAY—SOLE PRO-P-E-RIETOR OF 'THE GRAND GENERAL MILITARY RENOVATOR,' OR 'NEW COMMISSION DETERGENT.' IT IS NONE OF YOUR TWO-PENNY-HALF-PENNY CATCH-PENNY COMPOSITIONS OF ROUGE, PLATE-POWDER, SALTS-O'-LEMON, SOFT-SAWDER, AND ROTTEN-STONE: BUT AN ARTICLE OF MY OWN IN-VENTION, PREPARED FROM A FAMILY RECEIPT, AND USED WITH THE 'IGHEST SUCCESS BY THE NO-BILITY IN GENERAL, AND THE MILITARY HA-RIS-TOCRACY IN PARTICULAR. ONE APPLICATION REMOVES ANY GREASE-STAIN, INK-STAIN, DIRT-STAIN, MUD-SPOT, MOULD, OR FUNGUS."

* * Lord Panmure, as War Secretary, had the thankless job of hiding or removing all the stains upon his "Department."



THE BRITISH LION SMELLS A RAT.

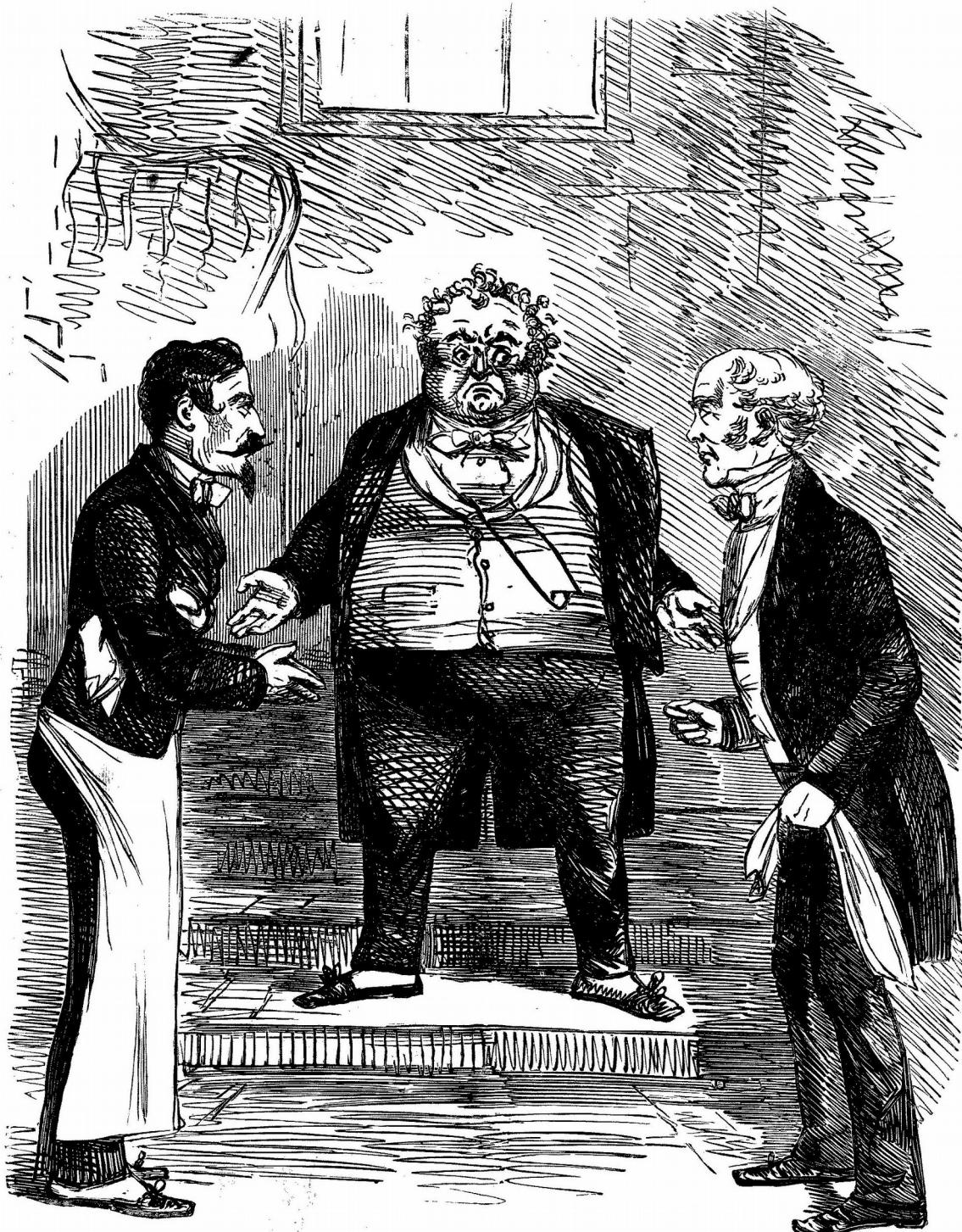
* * The Peace Conference was opened in Paris under the Presidency of Count Walewsky. England's attitude was one of watchfulness.



GRAND MILL BETWEEN CHARLEY POT AND JAMIE KETTLE.

WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE AN ENLIGHTENED PUBLIC IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

* * An exchange of personalities between Sir Charles Napier and Sir James Graham took place during the Debate on the Navy Estimates.



SWINDLING THE CLARENDRON.

(BY A DISTINGUISHED RUSSIAN.)

MR. BULL (*Landlord of the British Lion*).—"WHAT! QUITE THE GENTLEMAN! WHY, HE HAS LEFT NOTHING BUT A PORTMANTEL FULL OF BRICKS AND STONES, AND GONE OFF WITHOUT PAYING THE BILL!"

** The Treaty of Peace with Russia made no provision to indemnify England and France for the expenses of the war.



THE WITNESS THAT OUGHT TO BE EXAMINED.

* * The Crimean Inquiry Committee held its first sitting at Chelsea Hospital. "MR. PUNCH" suggested that an important witness would be the skeleton charger of one of the many heroes whose lives had been squandered in the ill-conducted war.



MR. BULL DOESN'T QUITE SEE IT.

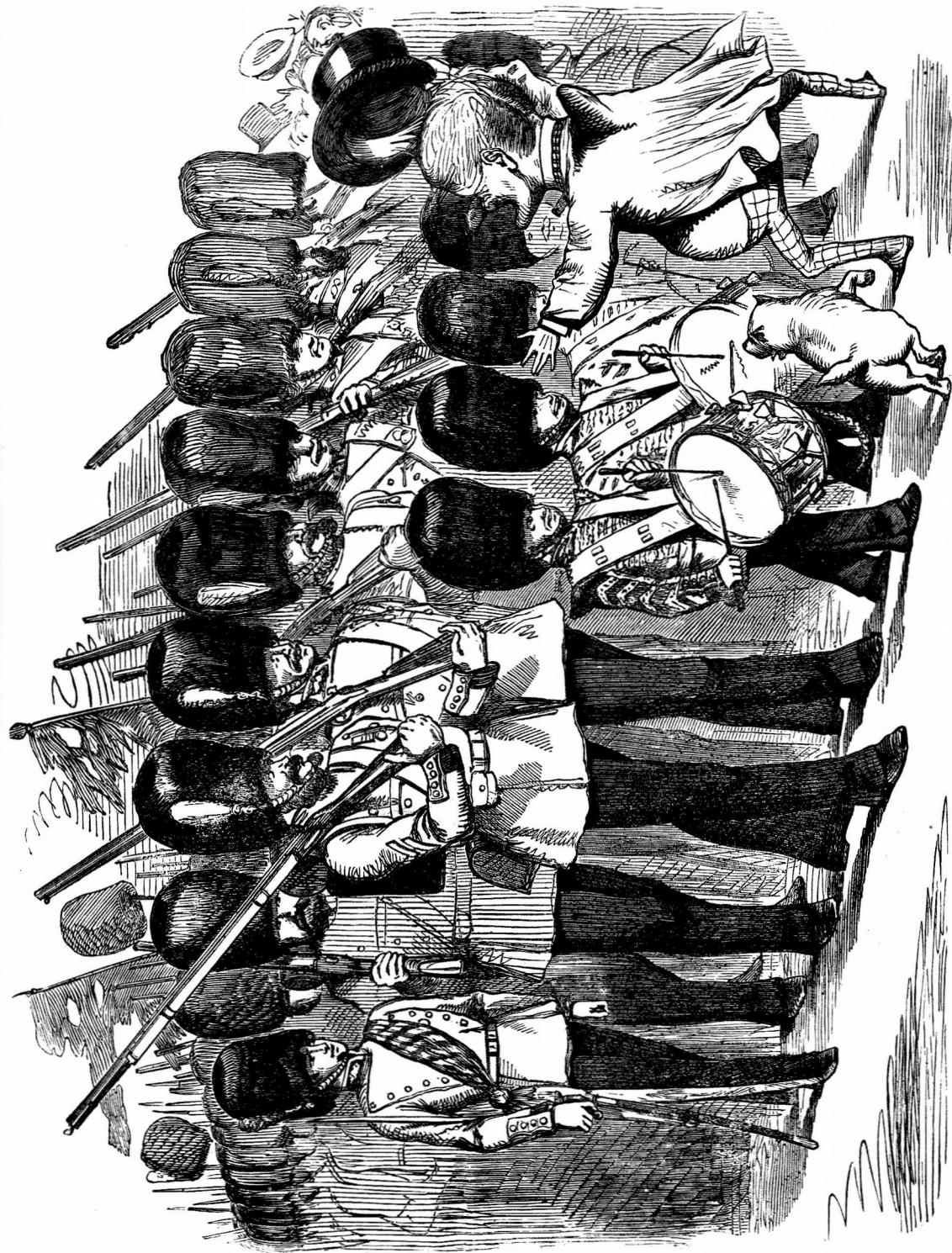
MR. BULL.—“WELL, BUT YOU KNOW, MARM, I DON’T—THAT IS—A—I—”
 HIS ALLY.—“AHA! YOU NOT QUITE COMPREHEND! NEVER MIND! ALL RIGHT! YOU SALL PUT ZIS IN YOUR
 BUTTON-HOLE, AND COME AN ZEE ZE FIREWORK.”

** England was not very satisfied with the way in which the war had been brought to an end, and with the conduct of France in the matter.



COME, JONATHAN, WHY SHOULD WE FIGHT—"AM I NOT
A MAN, AND A BROTHER?"

* * An alleged infraction of International Law by Great Britain, in permitting, in Canada, the enlistment of American citizens under the recently passed Foreign Enlistment Act, caused relations between England and America to become very strained.



MR. PUNCH WELCOMES THE GUARDS.

* * The Guards, on their return from the Crimea, made a public entry into London. The Queen welcomed their home-coming, as she had sped their departure, from a window in Buckingham Palace.



THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

* * The Duke of Cambridge was made Commander-in-Chief at the suggestion, as it subsequently appeared, of H.R.H. Prince Albert.



THE CLIMAX OF THE WAR.

•• The coronation of Alexander II., Emperor of Russia, was celebrated with much splendour at Moscow. The event was regarded by many farseeing people with gloomy forebodings which were only too fully justified by results.



THE FRENCH GAME OF LEAP-FROG OVER THE BRITISH LION.

AS RECENTLY PLAYED IN PARIS.

** Some of the French Army officers had been speaking very boastfully of themselves and very disparagingly of their late English allies.